

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **7-50**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7/24/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/15, 21, 22, 23/36	REPORT MADE BY: R. C. SURAN
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1232, etal. Edward George Bremer - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDNA MURRAY interviewed Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, furnished details concerning certain incidents indicating that Rene Holst, Madeline Angus, Ruth Wells, Bert Angus, Ted Angus, George Timiney, knew the true identities of Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis, and other members of the gang at the time the latter individuals were frequenting the Casino Club during the year 1934. CHARLES J. FITZGERALD admits long acquaintanceship with Al Woods, Bert Angus, and Red Angus. States Fred Barker visited him while he, Fitzgerald, was residing with Al Woods. States Karpis and Doc Barker informed him during the summer of 1934 that they were indicted for the Bremer kidnaping. Fitzgerald admits receiving \$8,000 from Fred Barker at the Casino Club about October, 1934, which money later placed in safety deposit box at Waukegan, Illinois. Karpis denied acquaintanceship with Jimmie Hayes, former Toledo racketeer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>DETAILS - REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, July 11, 1936; report of Special Agent John L. Madala, October 17, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Edna Murray, who was subpoenaed by the Government as a witness against Jack Peifer who was on trial in connection with the Hanap case at St.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. W. L. Tan</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-12426	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 28 1936
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Paul, Minnesota, beginning July 14, 1936, was interviewed at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 21 and 22, 1936, by Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan. Edna Murray was interviewed in an effort to obtain further details concerning her knowledge of the various individuals who harbored members of the Karpis-Barker gang at Toledo, Ohio, during the year 1934.

Edna Murray related details concerning several incidents which indicate that the various individuals at Toledo, Ohio, knew the true identities of the various fugitives who were frequenting the Casino Club. Edna Murray advised that she first visited the Casino Club in January, 1934, during the period of time that Bremer was being held a kidnap victim. She stated that this trip to Toledo, Ohio, was made in company with Wynona Burdette and Willie Harrison for the purpose of securing Ohio license plates through Coolie Monroe at the request of Fred Barker. She stated that later in February, 1934, she and Volney Davis made another trip to Toledo, Ohio, and obtained another set of Ohio license plates for Volney Davis' car through Coolie Monroe. Edna Murray advised that it was on this occasion, the second trip, that she introduced Volney to Ted and Bert Angus under the name of "Curley".

She advised that after securing these license plates she and Volney returned to Aurora, Illinois, where they remained as previously reported in this file until about May 1, 1934, after which she, Edna, proceeded to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she remained about a week. She advised that at the time she went to Tulsa, Oklahoma, Volney Davis proceeded from Aurora, Illinois, to Toledo, Ohio, where he was operated on by Dr. Moran. She stated that prior to leaving Aurora, Illinois, Volney instructed her that when she came to Toledo that she should contact him through Bert or Ted Angus at the Casino Club.

She stated that she arrived at Toledo, about May 7, 1934, and checked into the Algeo Hotel; that she then went out to the Casino Club, found the club closed, and apparently being altered. She stated she remained at the hotel over night and went out the following morning to the Casino Club and found Ted and Bert Angus there; that Charles Becker who was known as the "Skipper" was also at that place.

Edna Murray stated that when she arrived at the Casino Club on this occasion she asked Bert Angus where she could get in touch with Volney Davis but Bert stated that some of the crowd would probably be at the club shortly. A short time after

this conversation Harry Campbell, Jimmie Wilson, and Doc Moran arrived at the club. They spoke to her but acted rather mysteriously. For this reason she did not ask where Volney was. Shortly thereafter Jimmie Wilson, Campbell, and Doc Moran left. She turned to Bert Angus and said "What am I supposed to do?" Bert then told her that Harry and Jimmie Wilson were going out to see Volney and would probably return for her and Edna Murray is definite in her assertion that Bert Angus referred to Harry Campbell as Harry, but on later occasions Bert Angus usually referred to Harry Campbell as "Buff".

She stated that during the period of time she was waiting to be informed as to where she could locate Volney Davis some unknown man came in to the Casino Club and she heard this man advise Ted Angus that someone had been arrested and the unknown man wanted Ted to take care of it, and Ted advised this individual that the matter would be taken care of. Edna stated that she heard the name of "Red" mentioned but that she did not know whether this referred to the unknown individual who made the request of Ted Angus or whether it referred to the man who had been arrested.

Edna advised that Willie Harrison later told her that Bert and Ted Angus was the "fix" in Toledo, and that this fact appeared to be generally known.

Edna stated that when she arrived in Toledo, Ohio, on the above referred to occasion, she learned that Harry Campbell and Volney Davis had been operated on by Dr. Moran, and that Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette were living on 131 St. at Point Place. She stated that Harry Campbell had bandages on his fingers as did Karpis and Volney Davis. She stated that Karpis frequented the Casino Club with bandages under his ears and bandages which covered most of his hands, but later these bandages covered only his ten fingertips; that Karpis wore white gloves to cover these bandages most of the time.

Edna Murray advised that Alvin Karpis was at the Casino Club almost nightly for a short period of time after her arrival there and that his fingers were in such a condition that he could not hold a glass of beer with his fingers, but would hold the glass with both palms of his hands cupped around it.

Edna Murray further advised that Doc Barker had bandages on both his face and nose and that he wore these bandages during the time he frequented the Casino Club. Edna Murray advised that due to the operation performed upon Doc Barker by Dr. Moran an abscess formed under Doc Barker's right ear and it was necessary for him to wear a bandage over this abscess for a long period of time.

Edna Murray further advised that shortly after her arrival at the Casino Club in May, 1934, she and Volney Davis visited the place one night, at which time she observed Al Woods and his wife, Doc Barker, Nig Cousins, Dr. Moran, and Fitzgerald drinking at a table with George Timiney. She stated at the time she and Volney Davis entered the Casino Club, Jimmie Wilson had two unknown girls sitting with him at a table and Volney walked over to talk with Jimmie and the girls; that she went over to a booth and sat down with Rene Holst and Madeline Angus.

Edna Murray has previously related that it was on this occasion that Timiney came to the booth and asked Rene for a dance. Rene declined and Timiney walked away, at which time Rene remarked to Edna "Don't pay any attention to him. He's all right". She stated at this time Timiney was obviously drunk.

On another occasion Edna stated that she was talking to Bert Angus in front of the Casino Club while Doc Barker, Jimmie Wilson, and Slim Gibson had come for a boatride. She stated that at this time she and Bert Angus were discussing the joke arrest of Willie Harrison at Toledo, Ohio in January, 1934, as set out in detail in the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois, December 21, 1935. During the discussion Bert remarked that at the time Willie was arrested "We did not know we were fooling with a bunch of kidnapers."

Edna stated that on another occasion she was at the Casino Club one evening and there were three women at the Casino Club accompanied by a couple of younger women and Madeline Angus advised her that these women were "landladies from downtown".

Edna stated that it was her recollection that one of these landladies was named Maxine and she believed another was named Eva. Edna stated that Jimmie Wilson and Doc Barker frequented some house of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio, but that she was unable to state which house they patronized. She stated that Jimmie Wilson went with various girls in Toledo, Ohio, and that Jimmie

at one time told her that while he was driving Harry Campbell's Ford Sedan he was drunk and wrecked the car; that after the wreck two police officers questioned him but before the officers arrived he threw a pistol away which he had in his possession and when he was questioned by the officers he advised them that he was acquainted with Bert and Ted Angus, and the officers then took him to the Casino Club where he was released; that after being released by the officers he returned to the wrecked car and took a bullet proof vest from it; that Jimmie advised her at this time that he had two prostitutes with him from downtown and in order to keep the girls quiet he gave them \$10.00 each.

She stated that while the officers were examining the car prior to the trip to the Casino Club, Jimmie Wilson recovered his pistol and placed it in his pocket, and had it with him at the time the officers took him to the Casino Club for the purpose of having him identified.

Edna advised that Ruth Wells was infatuated with Jimmie Wilson and frequently went to the home of Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette where Jimmie Wilson was staying, and that on one occasion Wynona Burdette caught Ruth Wells in a very compromising position with Jimmie Wilson.

She stated that when Wynona Burdette was in a hospital at Toledo, Ohio on a second occasion, Madeline Angus came to the hospital to visit her with Madeline Angus' mother, at which time the mother had a newspaper relating to the killing of John Dillinger in Chicago, Illinois; that Madeline Angus' mother proceeded to read this article to Wynona Burdette and then asked Wynona whether she was scared. Edna stated that Wynona Burdette later related this incident to her and advised Edna that she was scared because Madeline Angus' mother apparently knew her true identity.

Edna Murray advised that when she, Edna, first began having trouble with her breast, she had talked with Dr. Moran about her condition and Dr. Moran wanted to operate on her at Wynona Burdette's house; that she later talked this matter over with Bert Angus and Bert stated that he could get her in the hospital and no questions would be asked; that it was Bert's intention to get her in the same hospital where Wynona Burdette

was confined on two different occasions, and it was her understanding that Bert Angus had made the arrangements for Wynona to be placed in this hospital, and had recommended a doctor to Wynona.

Edna related that on one occasion while she and Volney Davis were residing at Sandusky, she had an argument with Volney and left Sandusky, Ohio, proceeding to the home of Wynona Burdette at Point Place; that later she and Wynona went to the Casino Club where they met Rene Holst, Ruth Wells, Jimmie Wilson, and Willie Harrison, and with these latter named people she and Wynona drove to the Luna Pier at the suggestion of Ruth Wells; that there were two cars used on this trip, one of them being a Buick car belonging to her. (The Luna Pier was a dance pavilion located at Lakewise, Michigan, operated by Edith Marks who at that time was the paramour of George Timiney.)

Edna Murray was further questioned whether she had ever observed Belle Born at the Casino Club and she stated she had not but that Belle had visited the cottage of Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at Sandusky, Ohio in company with Fitzgerald; that at this cottage at the time of Belle's visit were Fred Barker, Bill Weaver, Myrtle Eaton, Volney Davis, and herself. Edna was unable to relate any instances where she had observed Belle Born in company with either Alvin Karpis or Doc Barker.

Edna was also questioned concerning the manner in which Dr. Moran was dressed the last time she saw him. She stated that Doc Moran was wearing a straw hat, white shirt, brown dress trousers, but that she did not recall the kind of shoes he had on at the time. She stated, however, that she had observed Dr. Moran on occasions wearing white perforated shoes and that she had at other times observed him wearing a pair of brown perforated dress shoes.

Edna further advised that on the occasion when Bert Angus mentioned that "they" did not know the gang were kidnapers at the time Willie was arrested in January, that Doc, Slim, and Harry Campbell were out riding in Ludy Fleming's boat and that they intended purchasing this boat. In the reference report of Agent Madala, page 40, in the statement of Edna Murray, Edna at that time stated she believed that the boat which the gang used belonged to George Timiney, but now she states she recalls the boat belonged to Ludy Fleming and that she recalls seeing Fleming

at the Casino Club on several occasions.

Edna was questioned concerning the entertainers who were at the Casino Club during the time she frequented that place and she stated that she recalled a woman entertainer there by the name of Jerry to whom Karpis gave large tips, a dollar at a time for singing Karpis' favorite song "My Blue Heaven"; that this girl would also sing Willie Harrison's favorite song "Little Dutch Mill".

Previous investigation at Toledo resulted in the information that Jerry was one of a team of two girl entertainers at the Casino Club about June, 1934. Jerry sang and the other girl played the piano. Jerry is reported to have sometime ago gone with a road show. Edna Murray stated that Jerry thought a great deal of Jimmie Wilson and she felt certain that Jimmie Wilson took her out on several occasions, as she recalls Jimmie Wilson sitting at the same table with Jerry on several occasions.

With reference to the lead set forth in report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated July 11, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, concerning the possibility that Jimmie Hayes, former Toledo racketeer was possibly a friend of Alvin Karpis, Agent Suran on July 21, 1936, interviewed Alvin Karpis at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota. Karpis stated that during the time he was in Toledo, Ohio, during 1934, he had heard of a gambler there by the name of Jimmie Hayes but that he was not personally acquainted with this individual. Karpis refused to reveal the name of the individual whom he claimed was his friend and who was killed by George Sargeant.

Charles J. Fitzgerald, who pled guilty to the kidnapping of William A. Hamm, Jr., was interviewed by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and John L. Madala at the Ramsey County Jail on July 15 and 21, 1936. Fitzgerald was asked concerning the length of time he knew both Bert and Ted Angus. He replied that he has known these individuals for approximately 13 years. He stated that he knew Bert Angus when he was in partnership with Willie Harrison in the operation of a saloon in Chicago, Illinois, 1929 and 1930.

Agents asked Charles J. Fitzgerald whether he had knowledge as to how the members of the Barker-Karpis mob became

acquainted with Willie Harrison. He stated to the best of his recollection he introduced Willie Harrison to Fred Barker sometime during the year 1933.

Agents also questioned Fitzgerald concerning the length of time he was acquainted with Al Woods, Toledo, Ohio. He stated that he has known Al Woods for approximately 15 years; that back in 1925 or 1926, he, Fitzgerald, was in partnership with one Art Biestrom; that at that time he and Biestrom operated two boats running liquor from Canada into Toledo and that Al Woods was working for them at that time.

Charles Fitzgerald further advised Agents that he went to Toledo, Ohio, from Chicago, Illinois, sometime in either May or June, 1934; that he went to live with Al Woods and his wife and at that time Woods and his wife were living in the same house with Ted Angus, and that Ted Angus and his wife had gone to Florida the preceding winter and that he had requested Woods to move into the place and take care of it generally while he was away on this trip; that after Ted Angus' return from Florida, Al Woods and his wife occupied the second floor of Ted Angus' home; that during this period Ted Angus and his wife were living on the first floor of the same premises.

Fitzgerald stated that Belle Born was with him on the occasion of this visit and that they stayed with Woods for about two weeks; that Woods thereafter moved to his address on Washington Street and later moved to Georgetown Avenue.

Charles J. Fitzgerald advised Agent while he was living with Al Woods and his wife at Ted Angus' home, Fred Barker was the only member of the gang who visited him at that place.

He further advised Agent that upon his arrival at Toledo, Ohio, he made frequent visits to the Casino Club which was operated by Ted and Bert Angus.

When questioned whether the Angus boys knew his and the other members of the Barker-Karpis mob identities, he merely laughed.

Agents asked Fitzgerald whether he was acquainted with a police officer at Toledo, Ohio, by the name of Timiney. He stated that he is not but later admitted that a police officer was frequently at the Casino Club while he and the other members of the gang were there, but that he did not talk with him nor was he ever introduced to this officer.

Agents also asked Fitzgerald whether he frequented any houses of prostitution while in Toledo. He stated that he did and later indicated the place he patronized was operated by a girl named Edith. He also stated that he was acquainted with a girl named Peaches who worked at this place and that on one occasion he escorted her to the Casino Club.

Agents questioned Fitzgerald as to whether he knew what houses of prostitution the other members of the Barker-Karpis mob frequented during their stay in Toledo, Ohio, in the summer of 1934, but he advised that he did not know.

Fitzgerald further informed Agent that Belle Born remained with him at Toledo during May and June, 1934, for only a few weeks, after which she returned to Chicago, Illinois.

Agents asked Fitzgerald whether he had knowledge of the fact in the summer of 1934 that Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis were under indictment for the Bremer kidnaping. He replied that he knew of the indictments outstanding against these two Subjects and that they personally informed him of this fact.

Fitzgerald was asked whether he was acquainted with a man called "The Dutchman" who frequented the Casino Club. He stated that he did recall this individual and indicated that the Dutchman had gotten plenty of drinks out of him. Fitzgerald likewise stated that on a couple of occasions he visited the 42nd Street Cafe which was operated by Joe Roscoe. He likewise recalled that Harry Campbell received a cut on his forehead as a result of bumping his head against the windshield of a speedboat in which he was riding.

Fitzgerald further informed Agents that sometime in October, 1934, he returned to Toledo, Ohio, from Chicago, Ill.; that he had previously been in a hospital in California and upon his return east he remained in Chicago, Illinois, for approximately a week after which he proceeded to Toledo. He stated that upon his

arrival at Toledo, Ohio, he went to the home of Al Woods; that he had Al Woods call the Casino Club to ascertain whether any of the boys were there; that Al Woods talked with Ted Angus who informed Woods that Freddie was there, and that he, Ted Angus, would stop by and pick him, Fitzgerald, up and take him to the Casino Club. Fitzgerald stated that Ted Angus later came out to Woods' home and drove him to the Casino Club; that he met Fred Barker there and stated that he had just gotten into town from Florida. He stated that Fred Barker at this time gave him \$8,000.

Agents asked Fitzgerald whether this money represented a debt that Freddie owed him and he replied that it was not but that Freddie gave him this money to take care of a lot of bills that Fitzgerald had incurred as a result of a leg injury sustained in the South St. Paul payroll robbery August 30, 1933, and that about this time he was almost broke.

Agents questioned Fitzgerald as to who was present and he stated that Bert Angus probably was attending bar at the time that he met Freddie at the Club inasmuch as Bert Angus ordinarily attended bar.

Fitzgerald informed Agents that the \$8,000 which he had obtained from Freddie Barker was later placed in the safety deposit box rented by Mrs. Vioski at Waukegan, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

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REPORT MADE AT: CHARLOTTE, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7/27/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/23/36	REPORT MADE BY: A. F. MAIER. :MID
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases; I. O. #1232, FUGITIVE, et al; GEORGE EDWARD BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Hitchins, North Carolina, unknown to postal authorities. Investigation at Hutchins, N. C., fails to reveal Betty Smith, George Rouse or Hattie Rouse.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HUC.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Letter from Cleveland Office to Louisville Office dated June 19, 1936; report of Special Agent Z. J. Vahlendingham, dated at Louisville, Ky., 7/14/36.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">- At Greensboro, North Carolina -</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Agent made inquiries at the U. S. Post Office and at the office of the Post Office Inspector concerning the location of Hitchins, N. C., but was advised that there is not such a Post Office in the state of North Carolina. However, it was ascertained that there is a small railroad stop near Chapel Hill, N. C., called Hutchins, N. C.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- At Chapel Hill, North Carolina -</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Agent made inquiries of the following persons at the U. S. Post Office in an effort to locate Betty Smith. None of the following persons knew George Rouse, Hattie Rouse, Betty Smith, Minnie Smith or Mrs. Harry Smith:</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature]		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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R. A. Eubanks, Postmaster
W. S. Hogan, Asst. Postmaster
A. L. Wright, carrier, RFD #2
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D. W. King, Clerk
John Hocutt, Clerk
R. L. Bynum, Clerk
H. C. Hollaway, Clerk
P. D. Pendergraft, Clerk

Mr. W. S. Hogan, Assistant Postmaster, advised that he lives in the vicinity of Hutchins, N. C., and that he has never heard of any of the above names. Mr. Hogan telephonically contacted Henry Burch and Wiley Franklin, both of whom are long residents of the Hutchins, N. C., neighborhood, but neither of them knew any of the above named persons.

Agent made numerous inquiries in the rural section of Chapel Hill, N. C., on RFD routes #1 and #2, but was unable to find anyone who knew of the above named persons.

It is suggested that in the event the office of origin desires further investigation in North Carolina to locate Betty Smith, that J. C. Dartery, Johnson Fork, Ky., be reinterviewed in order to secure, if possible, more information concerning where and whom Betty Smith is visiting in North Carolina.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

MR:EM

July 24, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. MCCLURE,
GENERAL AGENT.

There are transmitted herewith vouchers in favor of the Hertz Drive-Yourself Stations, 420 Water Street, Toledo, Ohio, in the amounts of \$24.80, \$24.90, and \$4.90.

You are advised that these expenses were incurred by the rental of automobiles for use by Special Agents of this Bureau in connection with the investigation of the Bremer Kidnaping Case. The use of rented automobiles was necessitated due to the fact that there were no Government owned cars available and it was essential that a surveillance be maintained upon certain individuals suspected of participation in the above mentioned case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director.

Encl. #1125067

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: **BREKID.** July 24, 1936. Number: 7-576-1268

Specimens:

One .32 caliber Spanish revolver, marked "C. H.", serial number "e 11".

Examination requested by: Philadelphia
Date received: July 16, 1936
Examination requested: Ballistic - Bring out obliterated numbers.
Result of examination: Examination by: Baughman

Test shots have been fired in the above referred to .32 caliber revolver which appears to be of Spanish make and is marked "e 11" and the test bullets have been compared with all specimens of similar type contained in the Laboratory's files. However, no identification has been effected.

A separate report has been submitted upon the effort to restore the obliterated number which appears to have been stamped on the side of the weapon. The submitted weapon is being returned to the Philadelphia office under separate cover by registered mail.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau July 16, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

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cc-Cincinnati
St. Paul
Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago
Cleveland

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 29, 1936.

Mr. Foxworth advises that Karpis and
Fitzgerald were given life sentences
in the Hamm case this morning.

Karpis was not arraigned in the Bremer case
as it was anticipated that he might be, this
morning.

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PM

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

July 27, 1936

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, and each office receiving a copy of this letter, is the log of the telephone tap, from July 13, 1936 to July 17, 1936, inclusive, of Maxine Belmont, Adams 1556, 2501 Warren Street, Toledo, Ohio. The telephone call at 6:41 P. M. on July 14, 1936, indicates Jeanette as the caller. She is evidently Jennie Miller, who operates the Shelby Hotel, a house of prostitution, for Maxine Belmont. Rosie, to whom a call was made at 10:08 A. M. on July 15, 1936, is Rose Bush who operates a house of prostitution at 900 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe Street.

It is noted that Betty called Maxine Belmont at 1:15 P. M. on July 17, 1936. Betty is evidently the prostitute by that name who works at the Shelby Hotel operated by Jennie Miller for Maxine Belmont. This call indicates that a policeman by the name of Halderman caught a man in bed with Betty.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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July 13, 1936

1:25 AM Incoming RAG
Maxine - Hello
Johnny - What are you doing?
Maxine - I was in bed.
Johnny - I'm over at the garage. Do you want anything?
Maxine - Oh, I don't know.
Johnny - I'll bring home a bottle of beer.

8:53 AM Incoming MJK
Maxine - Hello
Woman - What is your number please?
Maxine - Adams 1556
Woman - Is this Mrs. Thomas?
Maxine - Yes.
Woman - Did you receive notice of payment due on your telephone bill?
Maxine - Yes, that will be paid today.
Woman - Alright, I just wanted to be sure you received the notice, and I'll see that the service will be carried through the day for you.
Maxine - Alright, thank you.

10:38 AM Incoming RAG
Maxine - Hello
Man - This is Mr. Chantoff (phonetic) Is Johnny home?
Maxine - No, he left about 1/2 hour ago.
Man - He was supposed to come over today but I thought I wanted to take a ride.
Maxine - Well he could come over tomorrow.
Man - Yes, and the paper says it will be cooler. Will you be talking to him?
Maxine - Yes, he'll be calling up and I'll tell him.

11:10 AM Outgoing MAIN 0628 RAG
Man - ?
Maxine - How long will it take to clean a lady's white, felt hat?
Man - They're moving today and not doing any business now.
Maxine - Alright.

11:13 AM Outgoing MAIN 0625 RAG
Man - ?
Maxine - How long will it take to clean a lady's white, felt hat?
Man - About 2 or 3 hours.
Maxine - Alright.

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11:30 AM

Outgoing ADams 4261 RAG
Woman - Hillcrest
Johnny - Mr. Smith, please.
Johnny - Hello Smitty - how are you?
Smitty - Not bad Johnny - where are you?
Johnny - I stopped over there last night about 11 but you weren't in and I left a note at the desk.
Smitty - I didn't get it.
Johnny - I'm working on another angle now. I know of another girl friend.
Smitty - What's her name?
Johnny - I don't know, I'll have to get it thru the fellow who works for me. I'm to meet her this afternoon.
Smitty - Well, let me know who she is, Johnny.

11:34 AM

Outgoing MAIn 0596 RAG
Man - Hello
Johnny - Say, Irwin, what's the name of that girl at the (Kosher-phonetic) club?
Irwin - Pauline Stippich. She lives on Detroit Avenue between Post and Melrose
Johnny - Pauline Stippich, eh?
Irwin - Yeah, between Post and Islington there's a Gulf gas station on the corner. She's in the first house.
Johnny - I'll be down after while.

11:36 AM

Outgoing ADams 4261 RAG
Man - Hillcrest
Johnny - Mr. Smith, please
Smitty - Hello
Johnny - Johnny Thomas, Smitty, write this name down, Pauline Stippich, Detroit Avenue between Post and Islington.
Smitty - Don't contact her until I call you.
Johnny - No, I won't. That other party is stiff. I am going to put a little heat on her. I found out the other half of the act wanted you people to sweat a little before she gave in.
Smitty - OK Johnny. I'll phone you about 2:30

11:42

Incoming RAG
Johnny - Hello
Man - This is Bill Smith. That party is OK. I checked her name and she is north side OK. You won't have to meet her. You get the names Johnny and give them to me first.
Johnny - I won't do anything on any of them until I talk to you. I'm going to ride down to that little store today.
Smith - Alright, Johnny, but before you contact anybody let me know and I'll give you the OK.

12:18 PM Outgoing Main 0225 RAG
Woman Shop
Maxine - Does the manicurist have an appointment open at
 three today?
Woman - Wait, I'll see. Yes it's alright - what is the name?
Maxine - Mrs. Thomas.
Woman - Thank you.

12:21 PM Outgoing Main 2261 Busy Signal

12:23 PM Outgoing Main 2261
Woman - Paramount theatre
Maxine - What time does the feature picture go on?
Woman - 1:23 P. M. and 3:36 P. M.

1:11 PM	Incoming	No answer	RAG
1:30 PM	"	" "	RAG
2:23 PM	"	" "	MJK
6:31 PM	"	" "	RAG
6:37 PM	"	" "	RAG
7:55 PM	"	" "	MJK
9:41 PM	"	" "	RAG

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12:15 AM

Incoming

MJK

Woman - Hello
Woman - Hello, how are you?
Woman - Alright. How are you?
Woman - Pretty warm.
Woman - Yes it is.
Woman - Were you sleeping?
Woman - No.
Woman - Too hot to sleep.
Woman - I haven't slept for four nights.
Woman - I took a ride to the cottage yesterday. It was even hot there.
Woman - Yes, this apartment is terrible.
Woman - I have that \$10 for you.
Woman - I'm not worrying about that.
Woman - Could have given it to you today when you were down and I would have given it to her.
Woman - There is no hurry.
Woman - When will you stop in?
Woman - I'll stop in on the way down town tomorrow
Woman - OK, Maxine, I'll see you.

1:30 AM

Incoming

MJK

Maxine - Hello
Woman - Hello, how are you?
Maxine - Alright
Woman - Were you sleeping?
Maxine - No, I was upstairs lying down.
Woman - I saw a light and thought I would call.
Maxine - I always leave the light on until Johnny gets home.
Woman - I am getting out of here tomorrow; going to put the furniture in storage.
Maxine - Yes?
Woman - Yes, he is not here and my sister is sick, ulcers of the stomach, am afraid she will never come out of it.
Maxine - How is your mother?
Woman - How could she be? I have been out of town.
Maxine - I thought so I noticed the windows were shut.
Woman - How is Johnny?
Maxine - Alright, but he hasn't got much business; either it is too hot. I don't blame anyone for not going up.
Woman - You know I only had one left and he is not here.
Maxine - How do you feel?
Woman - Alright. How is Jenny? I called but she was not in.
Maxine - She was probably at the cottage. She doesn't worry about anything.

Woman - Somebody is causing all this trouble; you know someone of my nationality.

Maxine - Something is wrong, otherwise she wouldn't be selling her beauty parlor for \$200.

Woman - Where are you going to be tomorrow.

Maxine - I'll be going downtown between 12 and 2 and will run over and see you.

Woman - If you are not going to bed right away I'll drop over and see you now if that will be OK with you.

Maxine - Sure.

Woman - I'll be right over.

3:24 AM

Incoming

RAG

Maxine - Hello (56 times - nobody on wire)

3:26 AM

Outgoing

Main 0596

RAG

Man - Hello

Maxine - Did you ring this number?

Johnny - Yes, give me a call in 10 minutes. I'm trying to get out, I'm dying.

Maxine - Alright, Johnny.

3:37 AM

Outgoing

Main 0596

RAG

Johnny - Hello

Maxine - Yes, Johnny.

Johnny - In about 20 minutes.

Maxine - Want me to call you again?

Johnny - Yeah.

3:58 AM

Outgoing

Main 0596

RAG

Maxine - Johnny?

Johnny - Yeah. Getting ready to leave in a few minutes. Have a few more people but I'll leave and be home shortly.

11:25 AM

Incoming

MJK

Maxine - Hello

Operator - Hello, this is long distance. Mr. Thomas called Patterson, N. J. last Thursday and wanted the call charged to this number, is that OK?

Maxine - Yes, mam.

12:35 PM

Outgoing

Main 2241 no answer

MJK

12:39 PM

Outgoing

" " " "

"

12:40 PM

Outgoing

Main 1181

MJK

Maxine - Is there a 540 train to Detroit?

Woman - I'll give you the ticket office, they will be able to tell you.

Man - Hello

Maxine - Is there a 5:40 train to Detroit?
Man - No, not on our line, 6:20.
Maxine - 6:20? OK.

12:42 PM Outgoing MAIn 2241 MJK
Maxine - Hello
Man - Depot
Man - Yes
Maxine - What time can I get a train to Detroit
Man - Any particular time?
Maxine - No.
Man - 5:40, 6:20, 7:45.
Maxine - 5:40. What line is that?
Man - Pere Marquette
Maxine - Alright, thank you.

12:44 PM Outgoing MAIn 7121 MJK
Woman - Good afternoon, Greyhound lines.
Maxine - What time can I get a bus in Detroit tonight for
 Toledo, say about 10 o'clock.
Woman - 9:15 is the last.
Maxine - Is that the last bus in?
Woman - Yes.

12:46 PM Outgoing MAIn 6221 MJK
Man - Knight Cab
Maxine - What time is it please?
Man - 12:47
Maxine - Alright, thanks.

1:10 PM Incoming No answer MJK

1:30 PM Outgoing Not recorded MJK
Man - Cab
Maxine - Have you got a cab in?
Man - Yes, mam.
Maxine, Alright, 2105 Warren.
Man - Thank you

3:06 PM Incoming No answer RAG

6:41 PM Outgoing MAIn 0596 RAG
Man - Hello
Johnny - Hello, Ed. Anybody call me?
Ed - No.
Johnny - I'm going over to the Hillcrest. I gave Shoelack
 (phonetic) that money this morning. If Jeanette calls,
 page me at the Hillcrest. I'll be in the coffee shop.
Ed - Is she coming up here?
Johnny - I don't know about that.
Ed - OK, Johnny.

7:00 Incoming No answer MJK

7:40 PM

Incoming

No answer

MJK

10:01 PM

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" "

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8:25 AM Outgoing ADams 4261 RAG
Woman - Hillcrest
Johnny - Bill Smith, please.
Smith - Hello Johnny.
Johnny - Is the kid up yet?
Smith - No, not yet. Where are you?
Johnny - I'm home. Does he want to play?
Smith - Yeah, about 9 o'clock.
Johnny - Tell him I'll be at the hotel at 9.

8:29 AM Outgoing ADams 3822 RAG
Hung up.

8:29 AM Outgoing MAIn 3822 RAG
Man - Garage.
Johnny - Send Red over with my car. Thomas at Warren and
Floyd - Buick 8.
Man - OK.

8:55 AM Incoming No answer RAG

11:53 AM " " "

12:05 PM Outgoing ADams 4261 "
Hillcrest
Johnny - Bill Smith, please.
Smith - Hello
Johnny - Did the kid come in yet?
Smith - No, where are you?
Johnny - I'm home. We just got thru.
Smith - Are you trying to locate these people?
Johnny - Yeah, I will.
Smith - Keep in touch with me then.
Johnny - I'll be at my place after one.
Smith - I can call you there.

12:14 PM Outgoing MAIn 0596 RAG
Man - Hello
Johnny - Irwin, anything doing, anybody call?
Man - No.
Johnny - I was playing golf this morning. I'll be in after one.

12:34 PM Outgoing Information RAG
Man - Give me number of Steinberg, attorney at law,
Spitzer Bldg.
Operator - MAIn 8932

12:35 PM Outgoing MAIN 8932 RAG
 Man - Is Abe there?
 Man - No, he's not here, he's in the building. Any message?
 Man - No, I'll call later.

12:42 PM Incoming RAG
 Johnny - Hello
 Maxine - Hello, honey, can you come and get me.
 Johnny - No, I can't I'm busy; I was playing golf this morning.
 Maxine - All I can get is a seat on a coach.
 Johnny - Well, that's alright. I'm busy I'm all ready to leave now. Give me a call later.
 Maxine - Where?
 Johnny - Over at the place.
 Maxine - What are you so excited about?
 Johnny - Nothing.

2:26 PM Incoming No answer RAG
 5:45 PM " " MJK
 8:08 PM " " MJK
 9:00 PM " " MJK
 9:50 PM " " MJK

10:08 PM Outgoing ADams 0719 MJK
 Woman - Hello
 Maxine - Hello, Rosie?
 Rosie - Yes.
 Maxine - How are you?
 Rosie - Alright, thank you.
 Maxine - It's a little cooler today
 Rosie - Yes, it was last night.
 Maxine - My apartment doesn't feel cool.
 Rosie - No.
 Maxine - How is your cold?
 Rosie - It is better. You know my luck?
 Maxine - No.
 Rosie - Bobbie and that other girl that was sick came back and I have four now.
 Maxine - I thought I saw the one that was sick on the street the other day but I wasn't sure.
 Rosie - Yes, she came back tonite.
 Maxine - Did you go to see Norma?
 Rosie - Yes, she has a throat infection.
 Maxine - That's bad.
 Rosie - Do you know who is taking care of her? Kopecher (phonetic).
 Maxine - He is a big doctor.
 Rosie - Yes, he gave her an x-ray.
 Maxine - He must be experimenting on her.
 Rosie - Yes, he has his own room and equipment out there.

Maxine - I didn't know he went out there.
 Rosie - Yes, do you know that Jewish woman at the baths? She went to him.
 Maxine - He must do it as charity; a lot of the big doctors do.
 Rosie - Yes.
 Maxine - You know, Rosie, she was never very healthy.
 Rosie - No, you know when I was out there, there was an old man there and about eight nurses were putting hot towels on him.
 Maxine - Do you know yesterday was the hottest day?
 Rosie - Yes, I don't know whether the old man died or not.
 Maxine - Plenty of people died.
 Rosie - Over 800 over the U. S.
 Maxine - Yes.
 Rosie - I went to see that furniture. It is worth it, I paid a \$5 deposit
 Maxine - Yes?
 Rosie - I have to get someone to cart it.
 Maxine - That's nothing some will move a small load for a dollar.
 Rosie - I told him to get somebody to move it and he said he would try.
 Maxine - If he doesn't you'll have to get somebody yourself.
 Rosie - He took me out to his home. It is some home. He is a rich man, clean and real rugs on the floor.
 Maxine - And that's the bad man Sadie told you about.
 Rosie - Yes, he was very nice.
 Maxine - The way some people talk it's no wonder they can't have any luck.
 Rosie - Did you see that piece in the paper?
 Maxine - What piece?
 Rosie - About the investigation. Will it effect us.
 Maxine - No, they have them in often.
 Rosie - Anyhow I have four nice girls now and I would rather have four nice ones than ten bad girls.
 Maxine - Yes, I'll call you tomorrow, Rosie.
 Rosie - Alright, goodbye.

10:18 PM

Outgoing

MAIN 0596

MJK

Man - Hello

Maxine - Hello Arthur?

Arthur - Yes.

Maxine - Did Johnny call you up yet?

Arthur - No.

Maxine - If you want to call him tell him I am home. I don't like to call all the time when people are there.

Arthur - I don't know whether he'll be there or not.

Maxine - If you do call him, it is not important, tell
him I am home.
Arthur - Alright.

10:56 PM

Outgoing Main 6221
Maxine - What time is it please?
Man - 10:56
Maxine - Thank you.

MTK

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12:10 AM Incoming No answer MJK

12:12 AM Outgoing Main 0596 MJK
Man - Hello
(No answer)

1:13 AM Incoming No answer MJK

1:14 AM Outgoing Main 0596 MJK
Johnny - Hello
Maxine - Did you call?
Johnny - Yes.
Maxine - Did you call Irvin all night?
Johnny - I was in a place and could not get to the phone.
Maxine - Is he there, now?
Johnny - Let me speak to him. I want to have it out now,
when you call him I want to know it.
Irvin - Hello.
Maxine - Hello, Johnny is there now and I want to have it
out now once and for all. When he is not there
and calls you I want you to tell me so that I'll
know whether he is living or dead. Johnny says
he calls you and you say he doesn't and I want
to know who is telling the truth.
Irvin - Alright, I understand.
Maxine - Let me talk to Johnny again.
Irvin - Alright.
Maxine - Hello.
Johnny - Hello, yew.
Maxine - How long have you been there?
Johnny - About twenty minutes. I left the car at the garage
the battery was down.
Maxine - Is it alright now.
Johnny - No, I left it in at ten minutes to one and they have
to take my battery out and put a loaner in; then
I'll go back tomorrow and they will take the loaner
out and put mine back in.
Maxine - Are you charged up by any chance.
Johnny - No, I just had a bottle of beer when I came in I
was thirsty.
Maxine - Where did you eat dinner?
Johnny - Downstairs, I was hungry after playing golf all
morning and chasing around in the afternoon.
Maxine - At Dyers?
Johnny - Yes, about a quarter to six.
Maxine - The phone rang twice today and when I answered it
nobody was there

Johnny - Why worry about that? It did it here today too.
 Maxine - If I don't worry, who will?
 Johnny - I don't want to talk about it over the phone. I'll talk to you when I get home.
 Maxine - When will you be home?
 Johnny - I am closing up soon, there are some people here yet and it's ten after one.
 Maxine - I think it is time now.
 Johnny - Do you want me to throw the people out?
 Maxine - Hasn't Irvin done alright tonight?
 Johnny - Yes, but he has worked all day.
 Maxine - Yes.
 Johnny - What the h_____ do you want me to do say to the people my wife wants me home, will you please leave?
 Maxine - When you come bring me a sandwich.
 Johnny - What kind?
 Maxine - The kind from the hamburger joint.

8:45 AM

Incoming

RAG

Maxine - Hello

Woman - This is Mabel. Judge Ramey has been pestering me all morning saying that you have been trying to get in touch with him - said you called him.

Maxine - No, I haven't called him.

Mabel - We had it last night.

Maxine - I didn't know that - how many?

Mabel - Myself and one girl. The others were hidden. I think Gilley, Moss and Tite are doing it on their own hook. I talked to Moss and Tite and they said they were acting on orders but I said he's out of town isn't he? They told me it was the captain's orders.

Maxine - Sure, they're doing it themselves.

Mabel - The next time the sergeant (not certain of this last word, however it sounded like it) comes around I'll tell him I had a knockoff and ask him what good he is.

Maxine - Yes, well I'll see you later.

10:29 AM

Incoming

RAG

Maxine - Hello

Woman - Mrs. Thomas, this is Mrs. Buckley. I have some new cotton dresses.

Maxine - Oh, yes.

Mrs. Buckley - Mr. Davis told me to call you. We're having a sale now.

Maxine - I'm going downtown this afternoon and I'll stop in.

11:40 AM

Incoming

MJK

Maxine - Hello
Sadie - Hello
Maxine - How are you?
Sadie - Not so good
Maxine - No?
Sadie - The heat got me. I have been sick for 2 days.
Maxine - I can't stand the heat either. It makes me sick.
Sadie - Where have you been keeping yourself?
Maxine - I have been busy.
Sadie - I'll say you were.
Maxine - I was away for two days.
Sadie - Did that party get started?
Maxine - I don't know. I think she went back.
Sadie - Somebody did.
Maxine - I don't know. I was to meet her at 5 the other day and she didn't show up and I had to leave at 5:30. Johnny said she was in and that she looked worried but he didn't ask her any questions.
Sadie - Are you going to be busy today?
Maxine - I am going to go downtown, Sadie.
Sadie - What time?
Maxine - About 3 or 4 o'clock.
Sadie - Do you want to meet me?
Maxine - Alright, about 3 o'clock some place.
Sadie - OK, 3 o'clock

12:25 PM

Incoming

MJK

Woman - Good morning.
Maxine - Hello, Marie, how are you?
Marie - I am just about alive. I closed all my business last night.
Maxine - You did?
Marie - Yes, somebody else was trying to get it. Couldn't get enough money.
Maxine - Who could it be the only one I can think of would be Mabel.
Marie - She had a little bad luck last night.
Maxine - Yes, I know, she called me this morning. Got to expect it once in a while.
Marie - I hope they don't bother me until I can get started.
Maxine - They won't. Did you get it all fixed up right?
Marie - I got it filed in court and took possession at 4:30 this morning. It took more money than I planned on.
Maxine - It always does take more than you figure on.
Marie - Had to use blood money to make it and I don't want to get a jolt until I have a few dollars set aside for emergencies and I don't want to go into debt.
Maxine - You know how to talk to them.

Marie - Yes, I want to see you today.
 Maxine - What time? I have an appointment at 3 o'clock downtown
 and want to buy a cotton dress.
 Marie - I have to go to the telephone, gas and light companies.
 Maxine - How would this afternoon about 5 be?
 Marie - That would be fine.
 Maxine - Where will I meet you?
 Marie - How about Johnny's?
 Maxine - Alright, then 5 o'clock at Johnny's.

12:45 PM Outgoing MAIN 2645 MJK
 Hung up before receiving answer.

12:47 PM Outgoing MAIN 2645 RAG
 Johnny - Is Mr. Heslip in?
 Heslip - Hello.
 Johnny - Jesse, this is Johnnie Thomas. I got pinched for
 speeding on the high level bridge last night. I
 have to appear the 23rd.
 Heslip - Who pinched you?
 Johnny - A fellow named Meske or Meeker. Who will be on the
 bench the 23rd?
 Heslip - Ramey should be. How fast were you going?
 Johnny - He said 50, but he didn't pace me and I don't think
 I was going that fast, but I didn't argue with him.
 I passed an accident and Sergeant Livingston was there
 and told this copper to chase me. He said I passed up
 8 cars. It was 10 o'clock.
 Heslip - Well, I'll talk to Ramey.
 Johnny - Well don't do anything till I call you back. I'll see
 who the cop is.
 Heslip - Alright, Johnny

12:53 PM Outgoing ADams 5050 MJK
 Man - Cab
 Johnny - 2105 Warren
 Man - Right away Johnny, thanks.

12:55 PM Outgoing ADams 1930 MJK
 Operator - What number are you calling, please?
 Johnny - I got the wrong number.

12:57 PM Outgoing ADams 1932 MJK
 Man - Hello
 Johnny - Hello, Chalerick (phonetic)
 Chalerick - Yes.
 Johnny - Johnny, I stopped in yesterday but you weren't in.
 Chalerick - They told me.
 Johnny - I want to get a look at _____ before you started on it.
 Chalerick - Yes.
 Johnny - I can't now, are you going to be in about 3 or 4 o'clock.
 Chalerick - Yes, all day.

Johnny - I'll stop then.

1:33 PM

Outgoing
Main 2768
Maxine - Hello
" - Repeated hello (No answer)

MJK

1:45 PM

Incoming
No answer

MJK

9:36 PM

RAG

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12:17 AM Outgoing Main 0596 RAG
Maxine - Is Johnny there?
Irvin - No, downstairs.
Maxine - Tell him I called. Nothing important.

12:36 AM Outgoing Main 0596 RAG
Johnny - I was down at Melrose's to get the pliers.
Maxine - Be careful, I don't want you to jam it up.
Johnny - Alright, I will. I'll be home in an hour.

10:20 AM Outgoing Adams 2114 MJK
Man - Cab
Johnny - What time is it please?
Man - Twenty after ten.

11:45 AM Outgoing Main 0596 MJK
Man - Hello
Johnny - Irvin?
Man - Yes.
Johnny - Anybody call me?
Irvin - No, Johnny.
Johnny - Did you get a paper?
Irvin - Yes.
Johnny - Is there anything in it about the strike being settled?
Irvin - I don't know, Johnny.
Johnny - Nothing on the first page?
Irvin - I didn't see anything.
Johnny - If anybody calls I'll be down before one o'clock
Irvin - Alright, Johnny.

11:55 AM Outgoing Number not recorded MJK
Man - Cab
Johnny - Greenie (phonetic)
Greenie - Yes.
Johnny - Will you go to Alma's apartment again and tell her to call me?
Greenie - Does she know your number?
Johnny - Adams 1556, wait a minute tell her to call me at my place.
Greenie - Alright, Johnny
Johnny - You charge that trip to me and about Saturday or Monday, I'll give you some money.
Greenie - Okey doke Johnny.

12:07 PM Outgoing Adams 1932 MJK
Man - Hello
Maxine - Hello, Mr. Chantoff?
Chantoff - Yes.

Maxine - How long are you going to be there?
Chantoff - Is Johnny coming down?
Maxine - Yes, he said he'd be there in 15 minutes.
Chantoff - I'll be here.
Maxine - Alright.

12:25 PM

Incoming

MJK

Maxine - Hello
Woman - Maxine?
Maxine - Yes.
Woman - This is Alma
Maxine - Yes.
Alma - Did Johnny want me to call him.
Maxine - Yes, he'll be at his place in a few minutes, right now
you can get him at Adams 1932, he will be at the place
in a few minutes.
Alma - Maybe you would call him for me and tell him I can't go.
Maxine - No.
Alma - You know Johnny and can explain it to him, he asks so
many questions, why, where and gets excited
Maxine - Alright, I'll tell him.
Alma - John doesn't like the sound of it so thank Johnny for me.
Maxine - Alright, Alma.

12:29 PM

Outgoing

MAIN 0596

MJK

Man - Hello
Maxine - Irvin
Irvin - Yes
Maxine - As soon as Johnny comes in tell him to call me up.
Irvin - Alright, sure.

12:33 PM

Incoming

MJK

Maxine - Hello
Johnny - Hello
Maxine - Did you go over there?
Johnny - Yes, I got a suit and topcoat.
Maxine - What kind?
Johnny - Blue
Maxine - You have two like that why get them all alike?
Johnny - Alright you call him up and tell him I don't want them.
Maxine - I will not call him.
Johnny - Alright then.
Maxine - Alma called and said she can't keep that appointment.
John doesn't like the sound of it.
Johnny - No?
Maxine - No, now that he has a little job.
Johnny - I forgot to bring that ticket with me.
Maxine - What ticket?
Johnny - The one I wanted to give to Jack.
Maxine - Alright, I'll look for it.
Johnny - Bring it down when you get it.

12:40 PM

Incoming

MJK

Maxine - Hello

Sadie - Hello, how are you?

Maxine - Alright, how are you?

Sadie - Not again

Maxine - Yes it is

Sadie - Ida left me

Maxine - Ida?

Sadie - Yes, the day maid

Maxine - Yes?

Sadie - Must have gone to Marie's.

Maxine - No, I was talking to her last night at 6 o'clock
and she is going to handle it herself with a
colored girl.

Sadie - I was supposed to meet you at 5 and I won't be
able to make it now

Maxine - That's alright.

Sadie - Remember where we had potato pancakes

Maxine - Yes

Sadie - Well, I ordered dinner for the two of us for
tonight at 8. Can you meet me there?

Maxine - I guess so, Sadie.

Sadie - I am going to try to get _____

Maxine - She's alright a little nichoga (phonetic - Jewish
word) but she built Mabel's place up

Sadie - Well I'll see you there at six

Maxine - Yes, alright.

12:42 PM

Incoming

MJK

Johnny - Hello

Maxine - Hello

Johnny - Yes

Maxine - I can't find that slip

Johnny - What the hell kind of a joint is that?

Maxine - I looked all over and can't find it.

Johnny - What did you do with it? Tear it up?

Maxine - No, the last I saw of it, it was in your hand.

Johnny - I'll come out and look for it myself

Maxine - Alright

Johnny - Alright

12:47 PM

Incoming

MJK

Johnny - Hello

Maxine - Hello

Johnny - Suppose you look in your purse.

Maxine - I'll look all over. If you told me yesterday I
would have put it away for you.

Johnny - You told me you were putting it away.

Maxine - Alright, I'll look all over for it

Johnny - Are you going to call me?

Maxine - Yes. Alright.

12:50 PM Outgoing Adams 0654 MJK
Woman - Hello
Maxine - Hello May?
May - Yes
Maxine - Is Viola there
May - Yes
Woman - Hello
Maxine - Hello, Viola
Viola - Yes, mam. (Talked about getting a size 21½ dog collar and that's all.)

12:55 PM Outgoing Main 0596 MJK
Johnny - Hello
Maxine - Hello, Johnny
Johnny - Yes.
Maxine - I can't find that
Johnny - Alright, never mind
Maxine - Alright.

12:57 PM Incoming MJK
Johnny and Maxine talked and argued more about the speeding ticket and Maxine cried.

1:10 PM Outgoing Adams 1932 MJK
Man - Hello
Maxine - Hello, Mr. Chantoff?
Man - Mr. Chantoff just went out for lunch
Maxine - What time will he be back?
Man - About half an hour.
Maxine - I'll call back
Man - Alright

1:15 PM Incoming MJK
Maxine - Hello
Woman - Hello, Maxine?
Maxine - Yes
Woman - This is Betty
Maxine - Yes
Betty - Is it alright to talk to you?
Maxine - Sure
Betty - Halderman and another came in and one went one way and Halderman caught me on the bed, the man pleaded with him and did everything but cry so he left him go and told me he would be back every hour for the rest of the day tomorrow and Sunday.
Maxine - Are you sure it was Halderman?
Betty - Yes, he told us his name and he was in here before kidding.
Maxine - Don't you keep the door locked?

Betty - No, Jenny said it wasn't necessary.
 Maxine - I'll call her right away.
 Betty - Will you call me back?
 Maxine - Yes, in the meantime you look the back door and when
 you have a customer have Viola watching out so that
 when she sees a uniform she can tell you
 Betty - Will he do anything?
 Maxine - We know him, he is a schnegie (phonetic - Jewish).
 Betty - He was here before and I didn't know whether he was
 kidding or not.
 Maxine - Are you alone?
 Betty - No, May is here.
 Maxine - Keep the back door locked tight. I told you and
 and let Viola keep watch.
 Betty - Alright.
 Maxine - Don't have your things off.
 Betty - What do you mean?
 Maxine - Keep your dress on
 Betty - Alright
 Maxine - I'll call you back
 Betty - Alright, Maxine.

1:20 PM	Outgoing No answer	Adams 3658	MJK
1:22 PM	Outgoing Operator - This is long distance Maxine - I'd like to get the Reno Beach Club at Reno Beach Operator - Your number please Maxine - Adams 1556 Operator - The number is 532, I'll call you.	R10	MJK
1:28 PM	Incoming Man - Hello Maxine - Hello is Benny Dave there? Man - Benny Dave? Maxine - Yes Man - He is out to the cottage right now Maxine - Can you get a message to him Man - Yes Maxine - Have him call Adams 1556		MJK
1:30 PM	Outgoing Woman - Hello Maxine - Let me speak to Virginia please Woman - Just a minute Woman - Hello Maxine - Virginia? Virginia - Who is this? Maxine - Maxine Virginia - Hello sweetheart Maxine - What time does Lena get down	Adams 4941	MJK

Virginia - I don't know.
Maxine - Tell her to call me if she calls
Virginia - Alright
Maxine - Do you know Sadie's telephone number
Virginia - No
Maxine - She gave it to me but I never had occasion to use it.

1:32 PM

Outgoing Adams 0655 MJK
Woman - Hello
Maxine - Betty?
Woman - Just a minute I'll call her
Betty - Hello
Maxine - Hello, I called up the cottage and left word for
Jenny to call me
Betty - Yes
Maxine - In the meantime I wondered if they were down on the street
Betty - I don't know
Maxine - You don't know Sadie's telephone number do you?
Betty - No, just a minute is it
Maxine - No that's the old number she has an unlisted phone now.
Betty - Oh, I see.
Maxine - Is Viola busy
Betty - No
Maxine - Will you have her walk down the street and tell Sadie to
call me and if she isn't there to get the phone number?
Betty - Alright
Maxine - Was that party around looking for Jenny before?
Betty - Yes about 2 or 3 weeks ago
Maxine - Was she there?
Betty - No.
Maxine - Was it before the first?
Betty - Yes
Maxine - Well he was just looking for something
Betty - Yes
Maxine - Yes, but he had no right to do it that way. Our boys
are supposed to be there; that was the agreement
Betty - Yes
Maxine - In the meantime do what I told you and when I get hold
of Jenny I'll call you back
Betty - Alright

1:40 PM

Incoming MJK
Maxine - Hello
Man - Hello
Maxine - Hello Benny?
Benny - Yes
Maxine - I suppose I disturbed you?
Benny - Yes
Maxine - Do you suppose you could get hold of Jenny for me?
Benny - Is she down here?
Maxine - Yes
Betty - I can get hold of her
Maxine - Will you please and have her call me at the apartment?

Benny - The same number I called?
Maxine - Yes.
Benny - Alright
Maxine - Alright, thanks Benny.

1:45 PM Outgoing MAIN 0116 MJK
Woman - Hello
Maxine - Hello Fanny?
Fanny - Yes
Maxine - How are you?
Fanny - How are you?
Maxine - Was anybody there
Fanny - No
Maxine - The reason I called was one of the sergeants and a
 uniform were to our place
Fanny - Yes, how long ago
Maxine - About a half an hour ago
Fanny - Yes, don't you know who it is?
Maxine - Yes, we know but we have enough trouble as it is so keep
 your eyes open
Fanny - Alright, thanks, I will
Maxine - Goodbye

1:50 PM Incoming MJK
Maxine - Hello
Woman - Hello, it's me
Maxine - Is anybody down there
Sadie - No
Maxine - Well, one of the sergeants was to our place
Sadie - Yes
Maxine - Sadie, I don't know why you don't have your telephone
 listed
Sadie - Well, I gave you the number, Adams 0644
Maxine - But somebody else might want to talk to you
Sadie - I'll go down and tell them to list it
Maxine - You should do that
Sadie - I'll tell you what I'll find out who it is and let you know
Maxine - We know who it is but we can't have things going on like
 that
Sadie - Who is it?
Maxine - Halderman, the old man and another uniform and he means
 business; said he would be back every hour.
Sadie - Yes, well I'll find out and let you know tonight. You'll
 be there at six won't you?
Maxine - Yes, is everything prepared
Sadie - Yes, I ordered it.

1:55 PM

Incoming

MJK

Maxine - Hello
Operator - Hello is this Adams 1556?
Maxine - Yes
Operator - Just a minute
Woman - Hello, Maxine?
Maxine - Yes
Jenny - What is it?
Maxine - You call Betty and she'll explain
Jenny - What is it? Trouble?
Maxine - I can't talk on the phone
Jenny - Alright. I should call Betty
Maxine - Yes, she'll explain
Jenny - Alright. Goodbye.

1:58 PM

Incoming

MJK

Maxine - Hello
Johnny - Listen, do you think that Helen is home yet?
Maxine - I don't know
Johnny - Call her, will you?
Maxine - Alright, we had some more trouble today
Johnny - Another pinch
Maxine - Almost. You know who it was, Sergeant Halderman,
the old man he copped the last prize
Johnny - Well for Christ's sake what do they want another
pinch
Maxine - I guess so
Johnny - I may have to run out to the Hillcrest. Will
you call me?
Maxine - Alright

2:00 PM

Outgoing

113

MJK

Maxine - Will you please give me the number of Miss
Helen Marks on Locust Street?
Operator - One moment please I am looking for the number.
It is MAin 5459

2:02 PM

Outgoing

ADams 0655

MJK

Maxine - Hello Betty
May - No, May.
Maxine - Did Jenny call?
May - Yes
Maxine - What did she say?
May - She said to tell them to go to hell.
Maxine - I wonder if she would tell them that
May - We told her to tell them herself

2:04 PM

Outgoing

MAin 5459 No answer

MJK

2:05 PM Outgoing Main 0596 MJK
 Maxine - Hello
 Johnny - Hello
 Maxine - I tried to get that party, but there was no answer
 Johnny - Well, if I should call from the Hillcrest and ask
 you to try to get that party you pretend like you tried
 and then call me back and tell me you couldn't.
 Maxine - Alright

2:06 PM Outgoing Main 0596 MJK
 Maxine - Hello, honey.
 Johnny - Yes
 Maxine - Will you call up and see how long that party works. I
 think he goes off at 3.
 Johnny - Alright
 Maxine - I called up and the girls said that Jenny told them
 to tell him if he came back to go to hell
 Johnny - Yes
 Maxine - And one of the girls spoke up and told her to tell him
 herself that he would probably take it better from her
 than them
 Johnny - Call me back
 Maxine - Alright, in about ten minutes
 Johnny - Alright

2:15 PM Outgoing Main 0596 MJK
 Johnny - Hello
 Maxine - Hello
 Johnny - 3 o'clock
 Maxine - Alright. I am going to call Chantoff now.
 Johnny - Alright

2:17 PM Outgoing Adams 1932 MJK
 Maxine talked at length with Mr. Chantoff concerning a suit and
 topcoat ordered by Johnny, told him she would stop in to see
 the material

2:25 PM Outgoing Adams 0655 MJK
 Woman - Hello
 Maxine - Hello Viola?
 Woman - This is _____
 Maxine - Is Betty or May busy
 Woman - May is busy
 Maxine - Let me talk to Betty
 Woman - Hello
 Maxine - Betty?
 Betty - Yes
 Maxine - I called and that party goes off work at 3 o'clock
 Betty - Yes
 Maxine - I'll be down before you girls go off work at 5 o'clock
 and talk to you.

Betty - Alright, Maxine

Maxine - It's alright for Jenny to tell them to go to hell because she knows them, but you don't.

Betty - That's what I figured. No use to defy him and say take me down.

Maxine - I would like to tell him to go to hell myself, but you have to use your head

2:45 PM

Outgoing

Adams 1131

MJK

Maxine ordered a \$1.98 mattress cover to be delivered in the morning (July 18) to Mrs. John Thomas, 2105 Warren, apartment #5

2:50 PM

Incoming

MJK

Maxine - Hello

Lena - Hello, how are you Maxine?

Maxine - Alright, how are you?

Lena - Ringing wet. I am in a phone booth

Maxine - They called me up from the house; a sergeant and a uniform came in and caught them playing cards and wanted to make a pinch

Lena - Yes

Maxine - I called the cottage and she called back and told them to tell them to go to hell if they came back, you know he said he would be back every hour.

Lena - She called up the other day and (couldn't understand)

Maxine - She don't care, Lena.

Lena - No, it's murder

Maxine - Found two people playing cards.

Lena - Yes, you know how it is. When the landlady is not there how the workers feel

Maxine - Yes, I know

Lena - Did she give you the \$10

Maxine - No, I was sitting there for a couple of hours yesterday and he was off and was ribbing her about her having to work and he didn't, but I told her that she had a business to take care of and he only had a job.

Lena - It's murder

Maxine - She is not interested. She wouldn't even go in the back room to get the money out of the machine

Lena - No?

Maxine - I told her if she didn't, some pollocks might get it and then when she did take about \$30 worth of nickels out of it she said she was too hot to count it, but I told her that I was never too hot to count money

Lena - _____ has a birthday Sunday and that only leaves me one girl.

Maxine - That's too bad, you know when things fell last week she said it was the hot weather.

Lena - She doesn't care.

Maxine - You know when you make an appointment to play cards
and don't show up the other players leave too.
Lena - How did Mabel make out?
Maxine - I don't know for sure. I have to get dressed and go
downtown and pay her telephone bill.
Lena - How late are you going to be downtown tomorrow?
Maxine - That woman will be here cleaning, so I'll have to
stay with her
Lena - I called her up last night and told her to give you the
\$10
Maxine - I am not worrying about that
Lena - I have an appointment with the hairdresser at 2:30
tomorrow
Maxine - Well, call me up when you are thru there and I'll
meet you
Lena - Alright, Maxine

3:25 PM Outgoing ADams2121 JVM
Woman - Edison Company
Maxine - What time does office for paying bills close?
Woman - 5 PM

3:55 PM Outgoing Adams 0331 JVM
Maxine - Could I make an appointment for 3:30 PM tomorrow for
a wave? This is Mrs. Thomas
Woman - Does it make any difference who takes care of you?
Maxine - No
Woman - Alright at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon with Louise McBride

3:56 PM Outgoing Main 6221 JVM
Man - Knight Cab
Maxine - Time please
Man - 3:56 PM

4 PM Incoming JVM
Rosie - Where can I get some corned beef?
Maxine - I can get it for you
Rosie - I need it this evening
Maxine - You can get it at the corner of Bancroft and Vermont,
Betty Budlows.
Rosie - Can you get bread and everything there?
Maxine - Yes, they have everything there, Rosie.
Rosie - Alright, goodbye.

4:03 PM Outgoing MAIN 6221 JVM
Man - Knight cab
Woman - Send me a cab. This is Maxine
Man - Alright, right away.

4:28 PM Incoming No answer MJK

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PHONE. EDWARD RETICKER, CITY EDITOR, CHICAGO EVENING AMERICAN, ADVISED THAT SINCE LAST ARTICLE APPEARED IN AMERICAN REGARDING AGENTS SURVEILLANCE IN HOME OF DOCTOR ~~CUBBINS~~ CUBBINS, THE DOCTOR HAS BEEN RECEIVING NUMEROUS MYSTERIOUS TELEPHONE CALLS, CALLER ALWAYS DESIRING TO KNOW WHETHER THE DOCTOR IS IN. LAST NIGHT DOCTOR CUBBINS RECEIVED A CALL FROM A PERSON WHO STATED HE WAS DOCTOR KENNEDY OF NEW YORK. WHEN ADVISED THAT DOCTOR CUBBINS WAS AT SAINT LUKES HOSPITAL DOCTOR KENNEDY, WHO WAS DRIVING A FORD CAR WITH NEW YORK LICENSE, NUMBER UNKNOWN, ENDEAVORED TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO THE HOSPITAL ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL OTHER INDIVIDUALS, BUT WAS REFUSED ADMITTANCE. ACCORDING TO RETICKER, DOCTOR CUBBINS HAS RECEIVED NO THREATS OF ANY KIND. RETICKER ALSO ADVISES STATES ATTORNEYS OFFICE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED. NO ACTION WILL BETAKEN BY THIS OFFICE UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE

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TITLE **ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.**

CHARACTER OF CASE
**KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT**

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

General survey of protection and pay off in connection with wide open vice and gambling in Toledo made by Reverend Charles B. Harrison in 1935, the conclusion being reached that Ted Angus, Ben Wise, and Maxine Belmont were chief collectors. Survey of commercialized prostitution in Toledo made in March 1934 by Social Hygiene Council indicating widespread prostitution, and that "little or no law enforcement so far as commercialized prostitution is concerned exists in Toledo"; indicates that Timiney considered "boss" of prostitution racket. Survey brought to attention of administration without results. Signed statement secured from Frank Radel relative to his being introduced to Harry Campbell and Gertie Billeter as "Mr. and Mrs. Campbell" by Esther Goulet. Walter Fassino identifies Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette, and Jimmie Wilson as customers at Casino Club in June and July, 1934. William Poulos and C. C. Jameson, former slot machine operators, and Marie Borley, former cook at Casino Club, who resides at 3918 Detroit Avenue, all temporarily out of Toledo. "Push-Em-Up" Tony resides at 423 Dorr Street. Coolie Monroe reported to be on Middle Island. Patrick Stack denies having been employed at Casino Club and does not know members of gang. Paul Reno, at Toledo, not believed to be identical with Paul Reno, FBI #682262. Telephone taps still being maintained on telephones of Maxine Belmont, alias Thomas and Earl (Ike) Wittenberg. Toledo Blade newspaper checked for months of June, 1935 to September, 1935, inclusive, and information on Karpis gang therein set out.

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Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at
Cleveland, Ohio, July 17, 1936.

DETAILS:

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

This report covers the activities of Special Agents
H. B. Dill, E. J. Wynn, J. V. Murphy, E. J. Dowd,
R. A. Guerin, and M. J. Kavanagh, in connection with the harboring
situation at Toledo, Ohio.

Agents Guerin and Kavanagh are located on the tele-
phone tap of Maxine Belmont Thomas, and Agents Dowd and Dill are loca-
ted on the telephone tap of Earl (Ike) Wittenberg.

The following investigation was performed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and S. J. Wynn at Toledo, Ohio:

Mrs. Eva Epstein Shaw, attorney, Spitzer Building, Toledo, Ohio, was contacted with reference to the investigation made by the Toledo Social Hygiene Council, in 1934, dealing with vice conditions, and she referred Agents to Mr. W. E. McClure, a professor at the University of Toledo, and present President of the Toledo Social Hygiene Council.

Mr. McClure was contacted at the University of Toledo on July 21, 1936, and stated that in March, 1934, the Council engaged the services of investigators through the Reverend Harlan Frost, to make a survey of the vice conditions in Toledo. He loaned Agents a copy of the investigation, and pertinent information contained therein is set out below.

The following quotations are taken from the summary of the report:

"For many years Toledo has had the reputation of being a wide open city."

"The prostitution underworld likewise admit that their affairs do not always run smoothly, as one put it 'no racket does.' However, they boast that any interruption in business, 'tightening up,' or application 'of heat' is short lived."

"Not only those engaged directly or indirectly with the business of prostitution, but also many other persons claim that police protection exists and further allege that no brothel may operate without 'paying off.'"

"When the prevalence of pervert practices was discussed with several brothel keepers, they admitted quite frankly that the 'johns' (customers) demand 'French' (pervert) girls, and that a 'straight girl' (non-pervert) would starve to death. One madam said in substance, '*** no matter what they look like, I can't take them in. We've got to have friendly, accomodating girls. * * *. The girls have to be two-way girls, otherwise we lose money.' In commenting upon the proportion of perverts and non-perverts demanded by the trade, she said, '*** Just about ninety-eight percent of the customers want French girls.'"

The report reflects that the investigators contacted the bell boys at most of the hotels in Toledo, Ohio, and found that they could either find prostitutes in the hotel, or that the bell boys could furnish them, with the exception of the Commodore Perry and Ft. Meigs Hotels.

The investigators visited thirty-nine houses of prostitution, where ninety-seven (88 white, 9 negro) prostitutes were interviewed, or learned about, and of this number only four (2 white, 2 negro) were "straight", that is non-perverts, the other ninety-three being two-way girls offering their services at prices ranging from \$1 to \$3.

The investigators offer the following conclusions in their report: "It can be readily observed that little or no law enforcement so far as commercialized prostitution is concerned exists in Toledo. Prostitution resorts operate in defiance and violation of the law, and there is, no doubt, but that its existence is a menace to the general health and welfare of the community."

At 4:30 P. M. on March 26, 1934; an investigator engaged the driver of Yellow Cab #154, license C-27-154, in conversation about houses of prostitution and the conversation turned to the question of protection. To quote from the report:

"I (investigator) said, 'Why is each house taxed?' He answered, 'Well, they get a split on the business that is done, but it is paid in sort of a lump sum. Some houses pay \$50.00 a month, some more. I happen to know because I used to pal around with a friend of mine who was on the vice squad. He was thrown off a little while ago, and boy, that fellow had plenty of jack that he collected. But the reason they got rid of him was in a certain place where he was getting dough from, he wanted (a certain politician) a split, he refused to give it to him and he (the politician) got him out of the job.' I said, 'Do you think any of it is going to Klotz (the mayor of Toledo).?' He answered, 'No, he wouldn't handle it at all, but the guy who is head of the vice squad, a fellow by the name of Timiney, gets a big slice of it. It doesn't only come from the whores, but it also comes from the gamblers. You see, there are plenty of gambling joints in this town. Now, you take over there right next door to the Commodore Hotel that is one of the biggest gambling joints in town. (This evidently refers to the Superior Sports Center, operated by Benny Harris referred to in previous reports on the BREKID case.) They bet on the horses, they've got a regular board there. They play black jack and other games. They pay off plenty. Then take the other places, they all have to dig in. To show you how openly they run, if you ever happen to go into the writing room of the Commodore Perry Hotel, look out thru the window you can look right into the joint and see them gambling. Now if there wasn't a big pay off they would not be operating that openly would they?' I said, 'I suppose you are right.' He answered, 'I know I am. This sure is a great town for that. If a fellow or a woman starts to open a joint the first thing they do is to come in and knock it off, then they make arrangements as to how much the pay off is going to be. After that you don't hear from them.'"

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The report describes the above-mentioned taxi cab driver as an American, about 35 years of age, five feet six inches in height, 145 pounds, light blonde hair, blue eyes, rather triangular face, somewhat prominent ears, somewhat crooked and yellow teeth, and wearing a uniform of the cab company.

Inasmuch as the Algeo Hotel has entered into the BREKID investigation in view of the fact that members of the Barker-Karpis mob stopped there in 1934, that part of the report dealing with the vice investigation at the Algeo Hotel is being quoted in full as follows, it appearing that the investigator called at the hotel about midnight on March 26, 1934:

"About midnight I entered this second class (or third class) hotel and spoke to the colored bell boy and elevator operator.

"I said I was fixing to go down the line tonight but it had been raining so hard I just didn't want to take the chance. He said, 'Were you looking for a woman?' I replied, 'Yes.' And he asked, 'What room?' I said, 'Oh, I'm not registered here, I'm at one of the other hotels.' He asked, 'Would you take a room if I showed you a nice girl? I have two of them.' I said, 'Yes, I think I would.' He then said, 'Get into the elevator.' I got in and he took me to room 403, opened the door and said, 'Wait in here a moment.' I said, 'Whose room is it?' He answered, 'Nobody's, I'll just bring the girl down here, you can see her, and then you can go downstairs and register.' I said, 'How about the hotel, won't they object?' He replied, 'Absolutely not.'

"Within a few moments I was joined by an unknown prostitute, who solicited me offering to commit sexual intercourse or perversion for \$3.00. I informed her, after this brief conversation, that I would secure a room in about an hour, and then tell the boy and have him direct her to me. She agreed it would be satisfactory. I asked her her name and she answered, 'Well, the boy will know who you want,' and we parted.

"Upon returning to the elevator the bell boy said, 'Did you like her?' I said, 'Yes, I am going over to my hotel to get a check cashed. I am coming back to register, then I'll have you fix me up.' He answered, 'Fine, boss, she's a nice little number and she'll take care of you.' I then left."

The report described the above-mentioned bell boy as about 25 years of age, five feet eight inches in height, 135 pounds, black, kinky hair, dark eyes, long sideburns, light, yellow complexion, even and yellow teeth, wearing a white coat and blue trousers.

The report reflects that on March 22, 1934, the investigator at four P. M. visited a house of prostitution at 615 Michigan Street, allegedly operated by a madam known as Mrs. Rhinehardt, who also at that time operated, according to the report, a house of prostitution next door at 617 Michigan Street. The report reflects that the investigator found one lone prostitute; that he engaged her in conversation with reference to the prostitution racket. To quote from the report:

"I asked, 'How is the law (police) treating you?' She answered, 'Toledo has always been an easy town to work in, but the last two weeks, the law has been a little hot.' I asked her what she meant by that and she replied, 'The head of the vice squad, Timiney, sent out an order telling us to cut out tapping (on the windows). He told Mrs. Rhinehardt, the madam, that if anything like that took place he was going to close the joint. * * *. I said, 'Well, outside of window tapping the police don't object if you operate?' She answered, 'Why should they, they're getting theirs.' I asked her what she meant by that. She replied, 'Every joint, every gambler in town who are running, they all have to kick in to Timiney. There was a time when three of us ran into two or three hundred a month. Now, of course, no such money is being made, and the pay off is much smaller. But the poorest joint gives anywhere from fifteen to twenty-five.'"

Timiney

The report describes the unknown prostitute as white, and an American about 35 years of age, five feet four inches in height, 120 pounds, bobbed and curled, black and gray hair, gray eyes, triangular face, sallow complexion, crooked nose, uneven, spaced, and yellow teeth, wearing a soiled black and red dress.

The report sets out that on March 22, 1934, the investigator called at the house of prostitution of Jean Ford, 352 Nebraska Street, under the guise that he was looking for a girl friend from Detroit, who was supposed to be in some house of prostitution in Toledo, and incidentally, it may be stated that the investigator used this pretext in most of the houses of prostitution he visited, which thus afforded him an excuse to go in, and, while in, engage the madam or prostitutes in conversation. He engaged Jean Ford in conversation and Jean, apparently taking him for a "boychick" (a pimp), told him she could use another girl, which opened up the conversation with reference to activities of the law, and Jean Ford stated, "They are getting a little hot about window tapping. * * *. I was only talking to the boss the other day and he told me that he was going to haul in every joint where they tapped." I said, "Who do you mean by the boss?" She replied, "Timiney. He is head of the vice squad and a damn good scout." The investigator then inquired of Jean Ford about the danger of having a girl friend of his working at the place knocked off if he put her in there, whereupon Jean Ford interrupted him

and said, "There is no such thing as a knock off down here, all of these joints give in. I've been in the town for years and I know just the way the land lays." I (the investigator) said, "Is the pay off big?" She said, "Enough." I said, "I heard Timiney has got his hand out all the time." She answered, "He is no different than the rest. When you are in the racket you got to pay until the game is called."

The report describes Jean Ford as an American, 35 years of age, five feet six inches in height, 125 pounds, bleached blonde, bobbed and curly hair, blue eyes, olive complexion, even, white teeth, and wore Nile green lounging pajamas.

It appears from the report that the investigator, on March 22, 1934, visited the colored houses of prostitution operated by Beatrice Fuller at 111 South Erie Street. The investigator engaged Beatrice Fuller in conversation about pay offs, and she said, "Of course, you have got to pay. It varies somewhat with the business done. I have very little dealings with the officials, I do as they ask me, I don't talk, I keep my nose clean, and I get along with them very well. * * * The man who is head of the crime prevention and vice squad by the name of Timiney tells us that everything is all right; that he can continue working, but they isn't to be any tapping on the windows. A couple of weeks ago, a man committed suicide because he lost about \$20 or \$30 in a big gambling house and they had to start a drive to clean up. But that's pretty well forgotten about now. So you see this business like every other business has its ups and downs."

Beatrice Fuller indicated to the investigator that she had been at the same location for twenty-four years and that she dealt exclusively in negro girls of the high yellow type and catered to the white male trade.

On March 24, 1934, the investigator called at the Riverside Hotel, 921 Summit Street, and there engaged the madam, Paulina, in conversation. (This is evidently Pauline Nienstein). The place is described as a large brick building which bore a sign representing it to be a hotel, with a false cigar store front, and during business hours a woman sat behind the counter and beckoned men in from the street. The investigator remarked to the madam that this false cigar front reminded him of Buffalo, whereupon she became interested and asked him about various people in Buffalo, and he told her that, "The Ganser Hevra (a Jewish expression meaning the whole group of brothel keepers) were doing fine in Buffalo," and they discussed several mutual acquaintances among madams in Buffalo, and it appears that Pauline immediately figured that the investigator was a boychick (a pimp), and she told him he was a "Kleger Mench" (Jewish expression meaning smart man). She got rather friendly with him and told him her place was open

twenty-four hours a day and she had the best trade in town, but that Mayor Klotz had some idea about forming a district, but that he should be "Er zul gerhanged van" (Jewish for, he should be well beaten up.) She then related that some fellow a few weeks ago kicked himself (suicide) because he lost money in a gambling joint and the mayor closed up the joints for a few days. She said, "Well, we were closed up for a couple days, now we are open again, but still they are watching a little." I (the investigator) said, "Who, the vice squad?" She said, "No, they are my best friends. One of my best friends is the head of that squad, Mr. Timiney. One of the finest shamwes (Jewish expression meaning policeman) that ever drew the breath of life, but we've got a captain, oy, is he a momser (meaning, Oh, is he a bastard). He even had my electric lights cut off, but I am getting them back tonight. Timiney is alright. Say, tell me are they paying off in Buffalo?" I said, "Not that I know of. How about here?" She answered, "Every joint has got to pay, otherwise they don't run." I asked, "Is the pay off big?" She answered, "Enough, but who cares about the pay off as long as you can run and make money. This is a fine spot, but you know how it is in this game, you can always expect at certain times of the year that there will be a little trouble."

The report describes Pauline as a Jewess about sixty years of age, five feet two inches in height, 130 pounds, dark brown hair streaked with gray, dark eyes, aquiline nose, high cheek bones, uneven, decayed, filled teeth, sallow complexion.

The investigator, again on March 27, 1934, visited the Riverside Hotel and found that Pauline was not there, but met a madam there by the name of Lena Schafel, alias Galicians, who advised that Pauline was ill that day, and in the discussion Lena told the investigator that Sachel Levine was running the Roky Hotel, a house of prostitution, at 716 Cherry Street; that he was a local boy and a good fellow. Lena said that the pay off there was tremendous, and Sachel Levine was giving plenty, and that his landlord was a big shot, a big politician and a good friend of the mayor, and that it cost Levine a good deal of money to run. Whereupon, the investigator asked her if the mayor had his hands out, and she replied, "No, but the politicians and the police they are all there with their mitts. * * * We know God damn well where we stand, of course, when the mayor first came in we were all a little nervous, but we here all have plenty of backing and they swung the mayor from one idea to another, and now everything is all right. The only trouble is with the newspapers. They came out and they started blasting and then we got to soft pedal a little, just as it was a few weeks ago when a man committed suicide. The order came out that we would have to close. Well, we were closed for a day. We've been working every day since, but the head of the squad sent word around that we should not put on our lights."

The investigator reports that as he was talking with Lena, a very corpulent woman drove up in a taxi cab and was introduced as Virginia, and Lena said she was another one of the crowd, and from the conversation the investigator had with her it appears she was also from Buffalo. In this conversation Lena said, "Here they'll (meaning the police) talk business, but they talk it so much there is very little left for us. * * * It's all according to how much you take in, some places pay fifty a month, some places over a hundred. * * * As you just try and fold them, they know more about your business than you do yourself. * * * I't divided up, politicians, shamweses (meaning policemen). That's the trouble, there are too many in on it. That is what makes them angry, they divide it up into so many parts that those who should get it only get chicken feed. * * * Oh, the hell with him (meaning the man on the beat), what's he got to do with it. It's up the line that you got to feed (meaning higher up police officials). During the many years that I have been in Toledo, if I had every dollar that I paid out, I wouldn't have to be in this business today. Am I right, Virginia?" Virginia replied, "Not only you, but me and everyone else."

The report indicates that on March 26, 1934, the investigator gained entrance to the call house of Edith Barry, 524 Southard Street, which he describes as being one of the better places of that nature, in Toledo, Ohio. With reference to the security of the business in Toledo, the investigator quotes Edith as saying, "It's perfectly alright here, the police know I'm in business, I pay for the privilege, so there is no trouble. * * * That was just a jesture, (referring to the temporary suspension order) I have been here eleven years, I've always gotten on well with them and always will. You know when you run a nice place, don't tap on the windows, and when you pay up regularly, why you get what you pay for."

The report indicates the investigator talked with Edith Barry, who told him that a French date at her house costs him \$7.00, but finally reduced it to \$5.00, and for an all night stand it would cost him \$15.00.

Reverend Harlan Frost advised this investigation was made by the investigators of the American Social Hygiene Council, and that the names of the investigators were never given to the local organization. It appears that the investigation was made, but the local council of the Social Hygiene did not know it had been made until they got a copy of the report.

Both Reverend Frost and Mr. McClure advised that copies of the rather voluminous report had been furnished to former Mayor Klotz, while he was still mayor of Toledo, and also to Mr. Price, who was at that time Director of Safety, but that so far as they can determine no action was taken by the city officials. Mr. McClure stated that some time after the report was submitted to Mayor Klotz, a girl about 15 years of age was found in a house of prostitution, and the newspapers blasted the administration about the matter, and that Mayor Klotz, in

spite of the fact that he had the report of the Social Hygiene Council, revealing vice conditions in Toledo, in his possession, denied to the press that he had any knowledge of flagrant commercialized prostitution in the city.

Both of these gentlemen further advised that copies of the report have been furnished to the present city manager of Toledo, and to the present Chief of Police Allen, and they expected some action to be taken, but from their own observation, at the present time, commercialized prostitution is being practiced flagrantly. In this connection, they stated that the ministers and good citizens of Toledo have adopted a passive attitude and do not become at all excited over conditions, and it is only at infrequent intervals that the newspapers, when something sensational occurs, blast forth about vice and corrupt conditions, only to have the publicity subside after a short time, and then the same old routine of vice and corruption continues on.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, on July 17, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated July 17, 1936, wherein on pages 28 and 29, is set forth an interview with Reverend Charles B. Harrison, North Methodist Episcopal Church, 32 East Tompkins Street, Columbus, Ohio, relative to an investigation made by him, while located in Toledo, Ohio, covering vice and corruption in the city of Toledo. In this interview Reverend Harrison stated he had misplaced his copy of the report on this investigation, and a copy might be secured from Reverend Harlan Frost, head of the Council of Churches, Toledo, Ohio.

Reverend Harlan Frost was interviewed by Agents at his office, 405 Richardson Building, Toledo, and he stated he had but one copy of the report covering investigation of vice and corruption in the city of Toledo, which investigation was conducted personally by Reverend Charles B. Harrison, now located in Columbus, Ohio, and he promised Reverend Harrison that he would not part with same. At request of Agents, Reverend Frost stated he would communicate with Reverend Harrison and secure his permission to furnish Agents with a copy of the report, or loan them his copy to have a copy made, and that Agents might call upon him, Reverend Frost, about the middle of the week beginning July 20th, at which time he expected to have a reply from Reverend Harrison.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, July 23, 1936:

As set out in report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 17, 1936, Special Agent D. P. Sullivan at Columbus, Ohio, interviewed the Reverend Charles B. Harrison, a minister of the North Methodist Episcopal Church, who was formerly a Methodist minister in Toledo, Ohio, and in the capacity of such a minister, he made a survey of vice and gambling conditions in Toledo, Ohio, and in the interview with Agent Sullivan, Reverend Harrison advised that copy of his survey could be obtained from the Reverend Harlan M. Frost of Toledo.

Reverend Frost loaned Agents a copy of Reverend Harrison's report. He advised that this report was read to a group at a meeting at the Fort Meigs Hotel, and among others present were John Price, Safety Director of the city of Toledo, and some representative of Frazier Reams, County Prosecutor. It is noted that the report is dated June 3, 1935, and is in the form of an address.

The report reflects that it essays to cover four specific phases of the underworld problem in Toledo, namely, vice, slot machines, gambling houses and protection. It is rather a lengthy report, much of it conjecture, and, so far as actual vice conditions are concerned, based almost entirely on report of the investigation of commercialized prostitution made for the Toledo Social Hygiene Council, reference to which is made elsewhere in this report. Such being the case it is not deemed advisable to copy the entire report, but there is set out herein only those portions of the report which appear pertinent. In the introduction to the report Reverend Harrison makes the statement, "Much of this information was obtained only by my promising that the source of this information would never be revealed. Such will not be revealed in this paper, or anywhere else."

In another part of the report, with reference to question of protection of vice by the officials, Reverend Harrison premises his remarks by the statement, "While many of the following statements could hardly be proved on the witness stand, I have been surprised how the underworld almost unanimously agrees upon those who are on the take."

As stated, that part of the report dealing with vice is but a brief resume of the report on commercialized prostitution made for the Toledo Social Hygiene Council, however, there appears one allegation of interest in the report of Reverend Harrison, reading as follows: "The Oxford Hotel, 825 Summit Street, is really not a hotel and is not listed in the telephone directory. They have ten girls there. Max Plummer owns this joint and pays \$100.00 per month protection." Recent

investigation conducted by Agents in Toledo, has established that Max Plummer is deceased, and that the Oxford Hotel is operated by his widow, Anna Plummer.

With reference to slot machines, the report states that in Lucas County, Ohio, in 1927, there were about 5,000 slot machines; that they were in operation in joints and also in legitimate stores, the proprietors in many instances looking for the profits from the slot machines to pay the rent bill. It is further stated that during this period Chief of Police Jennings at Toledo ordered a raid on slot machines and "in the grand haul they got eight machines." It is stated that the main persons in the slot machine business were Joe and Bennie Fretti, Italians, whose father was a saloon keeper and whose mother ran a sporting house; that for several years they dominated the slot machine business through the Acme Sales Company on Monroe Street; that about 1925 a slot machine syndicate was formed and locations were parcelled out and that the various operators, after deducting from the receipts of their machines enough to cover actual expenses, placed the rest of the money into a pool, 25% or 50% of which went to the Fretti brothers, and after diverting some of the money for protection, the remainder was divided among the various operators in proportion to the number of machines they had operating; that it was compulsory for all slot machines to bear stickers of the Acme Sales Company in order to be protected from police interference. It is further set out that independent operators endeavored to get into the field without entering into the combine, but their machines were seized by the police, and in particular it is stated that one William Bowlus, the operator of a restaurant at Erie and Adams Street (Notes of Agents: This may in fact refer to William Poulos mentioned elsewhere in this report) started as an independent operator without using Acme Sales Company stickers on his machines, and as a result the police regularly confiscated his slot machines, which action finally forced this operator into an agreement with the Fretti brothers, who demanded and received 50% of his "take" for the use of Acme Sales Company stickers, and the police confiscations stopped.

The report stated, "It was a common joke that some of the police had two pay days, one at the Safety Building, and the other at the Acme Sales Company."

The following is taken from the report: "In 1932 the Prosecuting Attorney, Frazier Reams struck at the slot machine racket a direct blow. He realized that the best way to rid the city of this highly dangerous Licovoli mob was to choke off their income, for that was the only thing they wanted. The Sheriff, Dave Kreiger, is said to have received a large campaign contribution from the Licovolis, was regularly paid by them, treated them with the greatest consideration, dined sumptuously with them, took them out without hand-

cuffs, and later testified in behalf of a member of the mob. The Sheriff seemed afraid to refuse to lend some assistance to the Prosecuting Attorney. Those in the "know" say Mayor Thacher was taking thousands from this mob. After Thacher's defeat for reelection for mayor, we find him camped on the doorstep of Governor White, imploring his good friend, the Governor, as a final act of friendship before he left the Governor's chair, to extend to his dear friend, Wop English (Sarafino Sinatra, Ohio State Penitentiary #67853, mentioned on page 25, report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, July 17, 1936) clemency and give him life instead of the electric chair. This was one of Governor White's last acts. Why did Thacher do all this? Timiney, an Irish Catholic, hated that Dago band and rendered the Prosecuting Attorney some real service."

With reference to the commutation of the death sentence of Wop English to life imprisonment, reporting Agents, in connection with the present investigation at Toledo, Ohio, have had occasion to talk with many representative citizens, and the general consensus of opinion appears to be that Wop English, a local Toledo hoodlum, although associated with the Licovoli mob, was unjustly sentenced to die, while the other members of the Licovoli mob were only given life sentences, and it is reported that many representative citizens of Toledo signed petitions requesting the Governor to commute the death sentence to life sentence.

With reference to Sheriff O'Reilly and the slot machine business, the report states, "Sheriff James O'Reilly is a friend of the slot machine crowd, and lets them run in the county outside of Toledo. O'Reilly and Fretti attended the State Legion Convention together. The Sheriff thinks slot machines should be licensed and permitted to operate. Tom Worland left the city field perhaps because his Irish pride would not permit him to pay tribute to that Dago, Licovoli, and today he has the concession to operate in the county and operates there without interference. O'Reilly and Worland are said to be in cahoots on these slot machine profits outside the city limits."

The report sets out that about the first of the year 1935 municipal court Judge Norris ordered the police to get evidence against slot machines and to bring in the machines and the proprietors of the stores where they were being used, and as a result the legitimate merchants, fearing arrest because of the order of Judge Norris, ordered the machines taken out, thus the order of Judge Norris proved a surprisingly effective weapon against slot machine operations in the city of Toledo. The report also indicates that Municipal Judge Murlin likewise adopted such an attitude, and as a result the Fretti brothers began dealing in pin ball games.

That part of the report dealing with gambling houses is prefaced by a statement that large gambling houses have flourished in Toledo for 25 years or more, and the leading proprietor for 20 years was Jimmie Hayes; that for a period of about 12 years, Hayes and the Fretti brothers were partners. It is indicated that Hayes at one time was a millionaire, but that about 1930 he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and became a partner of Parson McGinty in a race track, bootlegging and boxing ventures in which he lost a fortune, and returned to Toledo to recouperate and was finally murdered in Detroit in 1934, because he would not contribute to the Licovoli defense fund.

As of the date of the report, namely, June 3, 1935, the main gambling houses are named as follows: The Superior, 120 Superior Street; The Buckeye, 227 Superior Street; The Jovial Club, 631 St. Clair Street; The Recreation, 513 1/2 Jefferson Street; Duggans, 621 St. Clair Street; R. & K. Smoke Shop, 428 1/2 Superior Street.

It is stated in the report that the Jovial Club, 631 St. Clair Street, and The Recreation, formerly located at 220 St. Clair, but presently at 513 1/2 Jefferson Street, were owned by Jimmie Hayes, and that Edward Warndke was a business partner of Hayes in gambling activities for 15 years.

It is stated in the report that in 1928 two newspaper men, namely, "Big Benny" Harris and "Little Benny" Aronoff came to Toledo from Detroit for the purpose of entering into the gambling business in wide-open Toledo, and that they started booking horses in the 200 block on Superior Street, but they finally had a bitter disagreement and each went his respective way and finally Harris opened the Superior, 120 Superior Street, and Benny Aronoff opened the Buckeye at 227 Superior Street, and these two places took the spot light with the Jovial Club as being the major gambling places in Toledo.

The Buckeye is described as occupying the entire second floor of the building at 227 Superior Street, and the gambling room is stated to be about 100 feet long and 50 feet wide, devoted to race horse betting, black jack games and card playing, and it is not uncommon to see as many as 200 men in this gambling room at one time.

Reverend Harrison describes the Superior Sport Center, 120 Superior Street, operated by Benny Harris, as being on the ground floor and entrance is gained through the front door on which no guard is maintained, and immediately inside the door are to be found Black Jack games, card playing and race horse betting, etc. It is stated that Harris has 42 full time employees.

Commenting further on the rivalry between Harris and Aronoff, Reverend Harrison makes the observation that Aronoff was able to enlist the aid of the Toledo police on his side, as witness the following quotations in the report: "One of the most disgraceful examples of rotten city government was in 1932 when the police daily marched past the Buckeye and raided and arrested Benny Harris. He would be taken before one of the four judges sitting on our municipal court bench and at once turned loose, only to have the same thing done the next day. The 'beef' put out against Harris was that he was in cahoots with Licovoli. The truth was just the opposite. All those raids by the police at that time was because there was a war on between Harris and Aronoff to force Harris to get off of ponies and stay by numbers. Aronoff was using the police to try to make Harris bow to him. Everyone says that Mayor Thatcher, the police, Sheriff Krdger, Licovoli, most of the gambling houses, and soon thereafter Judge Cole, were all together in this big racket."

The report sets out that Licovoli moved in on Toledo in 1931, strutted around with a \$30,000.00 breast chain of large diamonds "that fairly dazzled in the sun", and by such a show of splendor endeavored to subjugate the rackets in Toledo, but that he was unsuccessful so far as Harris was concerned, and that on one occasion five members of the Licivoli mob called on Harris and demanded that he regularly come across and pay them, and, as a little inducement, a Licovoli muscle man by the name of LaSalle stuck a revolver in Harris' mouth, and told him to either come across or he would blow his head off, and in pulling his gun out he tore the side of Harris' mouth.

With reference to the numbers game, the report of Reverend Harrison alleges that this particular racket centers in the Superior and the Buckeye and bets are accepted from one cent up; that thousands of people in the city of Toledo play this game daily, purchasing tickets at factories, beer places, cigar stores, pool halls, drug stores and many other places of business.

The report states that the R. & K. Smoke Shop, 428¹/₂ Superior Street, is named after Jake Romanoff and Dave Kaplan, the latter having died about 1932. The place is described as an upstairs joint where bets on horses may be placed and where card games are operated. It is stated that this place was mentioned in the trials of the Licovoli gang as a place where protection money for the Licivoli gang was to be turned in each month.

The Recreation, 513 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jefferson Street, is described as a craps joint with a roulette layout and other games of chance, managed by one of the Levine brothers for the Hayes' interests, but they are not allowed to book horses or run numbers game.

Ralph Duggan's craps joint is described as being located in the rear of a barber shop at 625 St. Clair Street, and is being protected by heavily armed guard.

The Jovial Club is described as being the big Hayes' joint, but Ed Warndke is the manager, entrance being gained through a restaurant and it is stated that the place is well guarded by an armed guard. The gambling room is described as being 30 feet by 40 feet inside, accommodating as many as 150 men, and in this gambling room it is stated there are craps tables and various other forms of gambling. This place is located at 631 St. Clair Street.

Reverend Harrison, in his report, makes the following observations with reference to the passive attitude of the police toward gambling, "If any one loses money in one of the gambling joints in Toledo and appeals to the Safety Director, it will be returned."

With reference to the general subject of protection, the report states, "In a city like this where we have a large and well established underworld, protection amounts to a huge sum. One man told me he could drag in \$20,000.00 a year. They offered Mayor Klotz \$1,000 a month as long as he was mayor. He refused and told them to stay away. They went elsewhere. It is often said the position of Sheriff of this county is worth \$20,000.00 a year. Some others have told me of offers from the underworld."

It is stated in the report that under the administration of Mayor Jackson that although the mayor was honest, he was being duped by his secretary, Virgil Shepherd, who was, "At the top of the pay off crowd"; that Roy Scofield was the tipoff man when a raid was ordered on a place that paid off; that he was the secretary to the chief of police. It is stated that Virgil Shepherd had slot machines out with the Fretti brothers. It is further indicated that Chief Haas, Judge Lyle, Joe Delehanty, Emmet Cairl and Langendorf were linked up with the general pay off, while Hennessy and Ford of the police department, were considered on the square.

As an illustration of the way the protection worked and the lengths to which the underworld will go to interfere with the activities of an honest officer, the following quotation is taken from the report: "It might be of interest to relate how Toledo's underworld in 1931 framed the honest and aggressive head of the vice squad, James Ford. Dave Gritz and John Carr ran three large sporting houses at 115 Erie, 713 Monroe and the Palm Hotel, later the Roxy Hotel. Ford stopped

all three places. Britz bought off all Ford's witnesses, or complainants, then he offered Ford \$150.00 a month if he would pay off. Ford refused. Then Britz went to his friend, Sam Kaplan, Assistant Prosecutor under Carl Christensen, and they started an indictment. Britz claimed Ford had called on him and demanded pay and Britz had refused. Britz tried to get his prostitutes to testify for him, but they refused. The case was nolle prossed, but the efficient head of the vice squad was "sent to the sticks" in East Toledo, where he still is. He was demoted for efficiency. Britz and Hildebrand are said to have had much to do with Spike Hennessy's exit from the vice squad immediately after the big raid on Jean Ford's house on Nebraska Avenue.

Again quoting from the report: "In Toledo, regular patrolmen understand that even if they see flagrant violations of the law and vice, booze, slot machines and gambling houses, they must not make an arrest. Only the vice squad has that privilege. If they should make such a mistake and make such an arrest, they would not be publicly reprimanded, but would be eased out to the 'sticks.'"

Under the heading of protection the report deals with Addison Q. Thacher, former mayor of Toledo, and who, incidentally, is present independent candidate for Governor of Ohio, and states, "Under Add. Thacher the underworld had one grand time." Reverend Harrison states in the report that he talked with Mr. Thacher shortly after the latter became mayor and told the mayor that Toledo was the worst city in America from the standpoint of commercialized prostitution and wide open gambling, and that the mayor expressed the opinion that Toledo needed sporting women and he thought it was a good idea for Toledo to have gambling houses in order to keep transient money in town. Reverend Harrison stated, "I will give him credit for stating his position frankly and then running true to form. * * * In his public talks Mr. Thacher presented himself as the 'fair and square' mayor. In practice he appears in closest alliance with the Licovoli mob, the gambling, slot machines, and vice groups. He had both hands wide open to their protection money. He flashed huge rolls of greenbacks in Florida and in Cincinnati while still mayor."

It is further stated in the report that in 1923 Mr. Thacher was interested with Jimmie Hayes in a gambling joint known as the Thacher Athletic Club at 214 Superior Street, but they split up because, according to Jimmie Hayes, Thacher took all the profits. A quotation from the report, "Several have insisted Thacher himself was a collector of protection at one time and got his share."

With further reference of matter of collection and protection under Mayor Thacher administration, the report states that Ted Angus was the head collector, and he received 10% of the take; that John

Murphy, the mayor's chauffeur and body guard, was the chief fixer, and that every raid had to have his O.K. The allegation is made that the police department took orders direct from the mayor, and that he forced them to raid Benny Harrie to make him shell out.

In disposing of Mr. Thatcher, the report reads, "After two lean years, and two fat ones for Thatcher, the mayor, who had been elected by a huge majority, was badly defeated by a disallusioned and angry electorate. A bunch of carrots was a symbol of Add's administration."

With reference to the character of officials in the administration at the time of Reverend Harrison's report, he states that the following officials were found to be honest and not on the take: Chief of Police Wolf, Safety Director John Price, Ralph Doty, Schoonmaker, Mayor Klotz, Judge Marlin, Judge Norris, Frazier Reams.

The report states that he did not find Judge Ramey or Judge O'Connell were getting much. With reference to Morris Britz, a police court prosecutor, "whose father is the notorious Dave Britz," Reverend Harrison ventured the opinion after a careful check that Morris Britz endeavored to be on the square.

Reverend Harrison's report concluded with the following comments on protection and collection:

"The two main collectors of protection in Toledo today are Ted Angus and Benny Wise. Always with Benny Wise are his two lieutenants Muntz and Mose Shapiro. These twins do most of the collecting from gambling and slot machine groups. They were witnesses in the Licovoli trial. 'Firetop' Sulkin wanted these two Shapiros to be the collectors for all rackets."

"The main collector from the houses of prostitution is Maxine Belmont, who runs the Shelby Hotel joint at 729 1/2 Summit Street. She is a well known sporting woman. Her husband is Johnnie Thomas, an ex-bootlegger, and also one of the collecting crowd."

"Ted Angus is Timiney's front or contact man. They spend much time together, especially at Angus' Casino at Point Place. Ben Wise was not hooked up with the Licovoli mob because he was in the Atlanta penitentiary serving time for a hi-jacking job in Perrysburg with a local officer there."

"The upper fellows on the take are George Timiney, whom all the underworld says is fixed; Mr. Mathews, the Welfare Director, the mayor's bosom friend (and some say is the real mayor); and Carl Grotie, the mayor's secretary. Mr. Mathews keeps in closest touch with the

vice squad and often circulates in the crowd in the police court. He is supposed to fix the mayor. Dave Britz raised money for Klotz' campaign and has had entirely too much influence.

"There is another group of less important persons often said to be in the hookup, but to what extent and in what way it is not easy to find out. They are Roy Sherman, DeFrance and Gockerman, Chief Wolf's secretary."

Referring to the Wittenberg brothers, who operate a professional bonding company in Toledo, the Reverend Harrison describes them as, "Those three old time friends, those old Municipal Court fixers - the Wittenbergs, Earl (Ike), Myer and Dave."

The following investigation was performed at Toledo, Ohio, on July 22, 1936, by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn:

Reference to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 27, 1936, reflects an interview with Frank Radel, 1978 Ontario Street, Toledo, Ohio, who advised that in November, 1935, Esther Goulet introduced him to Harry Campbell, and the latter's wife, as "Mr. and Mrs. Campbell." The following signed statement, the original of which is contained in the Cleveland Bureau office file was secured from Radel:

"Toledo, Ohio
"July 22, 1936

"I, FRANK RADEL, 1978 Ontario Street, Toledo, Ohio, make the following voluntary statement to J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice:

"I recall that in the early part of November, 1935, I was with Esther Goulet when she saw a man and woman who she said she knew, and she introduced me to the man and woman as 'Mr. and Mrs. Campbell.' I recall that the name is Campbell because I know that I associated the name at the time with a Billy Campbell who runs a grocery at Ferrysburg, Ohio.

"Esther Goulet, myself, and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell drove to Jim Coleman's place and had a few beers, and Esther and I left in about half an hour.

"I have been shown a photograph which I am told is that of Harry Campbell, and I also saw photographs of Harry Campbell in the newspapers after he was caught in Toledo, O., and I am positive that he is the man who was introduced to me by Esther Goulet as Mr. Campbell.

WITNESS

/s/ FRANK RADEL

E. J. Wynn,
J. V. Murphy, Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio."

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn on July 21, 1936 at Toledo, Ohio:

Previous information in the file indicating that Mr. Walter Passino, of the Toledo Steel Products Company, was a customer at the Casino Club in the year 1934, he was interviewed at the Toledo Steel Products Company, 3300 Summit Street, where he is employed as a factory superintendent.

Mr. Walter Passino advised that he resides in Toledo at 4346 Westway; that he is 43 years of age; that in 1934 he frequently went to the Casino Club, operated by Bert and Ted Angus, which is located in the general neighborhood of the Toledo Steel Products Company, for lunch.

He was shown all of the photographs of the various members of the Barker-Karpis gang, and from the group picked out the photographs of Jimmie Wilson, Wynona Burdette, and the old photograph of Harry Campbell which appeared on an Identification Order showing him dressed in a sweater, as being persons he observed come into the Casino Club at noon time over a three-weeks period in June or July, 1934; that these people would usually conduct themselves properly, so far as he could judge, and the only thing peculiar he could recall was the fact that Campbell would occasionally buy drinks for the house; that he, Passino, would usually remain in the Casino Club at noon time for only about a half, or three-quarters of an hour, and therefore, had no knowledge as to how long the three persons remained in the place; that he could not recall that they had any particular associates in the Casino, and that although he visited the Casino Club on occasions at night he had no definite recollection of seeing the three people there at night, however, admitting in this regard that it could be possible that they were there; that at least on several occasions either Bert or Ted Angus was present in the daytime when these three people were in the club, but that there was nothing particularly noticeable about the association of either Bert or Ted Angus with the three people; that, on one occasion, he, Passino, noticed that Campbell appeared to have quite a roll of money, observing that an old man, who was laying in a ditch near the Casino Club, was helped by Campbell, and that the latter reached into his pocket, pulled out a roll of bills, and gave the old man a bill; that he recalled that one time he asked Charlie Becker, who was a bartender at the Casino Club, who Campbell was, but that Becker indicated to him that he did not know.

Mr. Passino stated that he recalled reading in Toledo newspapers about the escape of Karpis and Campbell from Atlantic City, New Jersey, and the finding of a doctor's automobile near Toledo, Ohio, and that as

he recalled there appeared in the newspaper photographs of Campbell and Karpis; that he recognized the photograph of Campbell as being the man he had observed at the Casino Club, as stated above, and that he, about a week or so later, at the Casino Club, mentioned to Bert Angus that he had seen some pictures in the paper of people who "looked quite familiar", and that although he did not mention any names to Bert in this conversation, he felt that Bert knew who he was talking about, because Bert said that he did not know everybody who came into the Casino, and that the Federal Agents, a few nights before, had raided the Casino Club looking for a gang or mob.

Mr. Passino selected the photograph of Willie Harrison and stated that he first met him back in the bootlegging days at the Casino Club, possibly back in 1930 or 1931, and was introduced to Willie by either Bert or Ted Angus, or both of them; that whichever one introduced him to Willie, mentioned that Willie was a former partner of Bert's in a saloon or tavern at Calumet City, Illinois, or Michigan City, Indiana. He stated that he last saw Willie Harrison at the Casino Club, as he recalls, in about 1932, having seen him at the Casino Club on various occasions since first introduced to him; that as best he could recall he never saw Willie Harrison with any of the persons identified by him, as set out above, therefore could not, of course, associate Harrison with the group.

With reference to the impression gained by him of the people identified by him, namely Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette and Jimmy Wilson, he advised that Jimmy Wilson impressed him as a salesman, inasmuch as he was generally dressed in a business suit, and somehow just had the earmarks of a drummer; that Harry Campbell was usually dressed in semi-sports clothes and he gathered he must have been playing golf on the golf course nearby, or just sporting around; that he always saw Campbell in his shirt sleeves without a coat; that Wynona, as he recalls her, was generally dressed rather simply and, although an attractive woman, never appeared gaudy. He stated that he observed various mariners at the Casino Club on such occasions as he was there and he would not associate men of the type of Wilson and Campbell with mariners, or men who worked on lake boats.

Mr. Passino confided to Agents that he has a bad habit of drinking, but that on occasions for long periods of time he does not use liquor, however, during those periods he is addicted to liquor he drinks heavily; that he has employed at his present place of employment since he was fourteen years of age, and very recently the company was taken over by a Cleveland organization, and that many changes in personnel are being made, but that he felt he had a fighting chance to stay on, provided his employers did not learn too much about his weakness for liquor; that he felt that if called upon as a witness it might be brought

out that he is, or was a habitual drinker, which might result in the loss of his job; and he has given this matter considerable thought and hopes against hope that he will not be called as a witness. He assured Agents that if he were, he would tell the facts as he related them, and in this regard assured Agents that he was telling all that he knew.

It is well to state here that Mr. Passino was unable to identify a photograph of Harry Campbell taken subsequent to the latter's apprehension, although he readily identified the front view of the old photograph of Harry Campbell, as set out above.

The following investigation was performed by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, July 23, 1936:

William Poulos, address 1584 Kleanor Street, Toledo, Ohio, is, according to inquiry made at his home, at Put-In-Bay for the summer, and can be contacted there at a restaurant known as "Jim's Place."

Previous investigation conducted in this case has indicated that C. C. Jameson, 2223 Hollywood, Toledo, Ohio, was formerly in the slot machine business, but ousted from operation in the County of Lucas, Ohio, by Tom Worland, when Sheriff James O'Reilly took office as Sheriff in Lucas County.

Jameson is presently reported to be in the slot machine repair business and also engaged in selling and trading slot machines and pin ball machines. Investigation conducted resulted in information that Mr. Jameson is temporarily out of Toledo, but it is expected he should return some time in the near future, and a lead is being set out to interview him.

Marie Borley, who, it is to be recalled, was a cook at the Casino Club in 1934, at the time members of the Barker-Karpis gang were frequenting the Casino Club, resides in Toledo in a rooming house located at 3918 Detroit Avenue. Efforts of Agents to locate her for interview resulted in information that she is temporarily out of the city of Toledo, but it is expected she will return home within the near future, at which time she will be interviewed in detail.

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The following investigation was performed by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, July 16, 1936, and July 18, 1936:

Confidential Informant [redacted] was interviewed and photograph of Paul Reno, received from the Bureau with its letter of July 14, 1936, FBI-682262, was exhibited to him. After studying same he stated the man, Paul Reno, at Zeke's place, 825 LaGrange Street, has hair which is gray around the edges, and deep lines in his face; that he, Paul Reno, informed him, XZ, that he was 55 years old. Informant [redacted] stated he has never seen this man's arms and does not know if same bear any tattoos, but will endeavor to find out if there are any tattoos on his arms, and so advise Agents.

In subsequent interview with Informant [redacted] on July 18, 1936, he stated he had an opportunity to carefully notice the arms of the Paul Reno at Zeke's place, and there are no tattoos on same. He stated the only mark on the arms of this man is a brown mole about the size of the tip end of the little finger, located on the left forearm inner near the elbow. He stated that Paul Reno at Zeke's is 55 years of age, about five feet ten and one-half inches tall, and weighs about 160 to 165 pounds; that he has a broken accent in his speech, and he informed XZ that he was of French descent.

A letter is being directed to the Bureau by the Cleveland office requesting photographs of classified well known criminals, who answer the description of Paul Reno, who frequents Zeke's place at 825 LaGrange Street, Toledo, Ohio. In this letter a description of Paul Reno is set forth.

With the view of ascertaining the identity and location of the man, "Push-Em-Up" Tony, mentioned in interview of Deane Allen, set forth on page 22 of the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, June 27, 1936, informant [redacted] on July 16, 1936, was questioned as to the identity of this man. He stated he knows "Push-Em-Up" Tony very well; that he saw Tony on the street a couple of days ago, and Tony is either working for the city of Toledo, or the PWA in Toledo, and resides on Dorr Street; that Tony is an Italian, but he, informant XZ, cannot remember his true name; that he is a very good friend of Timiney, who has "fixed" several cases when Tony was arrested; that Tony is also a good friend of Ben Fretti. Informant [redacted] stated that Tony was convicted and sentenced in Judge Killet's court at Toledo in about 1926, for violation of the National Prohibition Act, and served time in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, and was in that institution when he, informant [redacted] was received there during 1927. Informant [redacted] further stated that in 1932 and 1933 and possibly in 1934, "Push-Em-Up" Tony was running a bootleg joint on the second floor on

the north side of Washington Avenue at the corner of 10th Street; that at this location Tony had a dance floor in the large main room and several small rooms used for drinking and dining, and that he served spaghetti dinners; that Captain George Timiney used to frequent this place with his former sweetheart, Deane Allen, and several times Timiney would get drunk there. Informant [redacted] stated that Tony is a married man and has two or three children.

In subsequent interview with Informant [redacted] on July 18, 1936, he stated he ascertained that Tony resides at 423 Dorr Street, and works for the Parks Department of the city of Toledo.

Informant [redacted] stated in interview on July 16, 1936, that he learned through inquiries made of the bartender at the Broadway Cafe, that Cooley Monroe likely went over to Middle Island with several others about a month ago.

With reference to William Poltus, mentioned by informant [redacted] in his interview set forth on page 58 of the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, dated July 3, 1936, Informant [redacted] stated on July 18, 1936, that this man is William Poulos, and he resides at 1584 Eleanor Street, Toledo, Ohio; that he is at present operating slot machines at Put-In-Bay; and formerly operated slot machines in the city of Toledo about three years ago, and the Fretti brothers put the "law" on him and the police raided his place of business and confiscated about \$10,000 worth of slot machines, punch boards, etc.; that Poulos was closed out in Toledo because he would not contribute to the pay off, and was giving information about others who were paying off. A lead is being set out to interview William Poulos, 1584 Eleanor Street, Toledo, Ohio.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, July 22, 1936:

Agent observed a man known as Paul Reno at Zeke's place, 825 LaGrange Street, for the period of one-half hour, or better, having on this occasion obtained a closeup observation. It was impossible to determine whether or not he had any tattoos on his arms, such as described in Bureau transcript of criminal record of Paul Reno, with aliases, FBI #682262. It was noted, however, that he is much taller than description of this last mentioned individual, also that he weighs considerably more. There are some facial resemblances, however. It was deemed advisable to await the photographs of well known criminals requested from the Bureau, before making an effort to positively identify this man by picking him up.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, July 24, 1936:

Patrick E. Stack, 360 Batavia Street, apartment #7, whom, it is to be recalled, is the former brother-in-law of the Fretti brothers, was interviewed at the temporary office in Toledo, and advised that he never was employed at the Casino Club, and in the year 1934 was employed as a bartender at a saloon located at 825 LaGrange Street. He stated he visited the Casino Club on several occasions in 1930, when he was working around Willow Beach Park, which is located near the Casino Club and what was at that time an interest of the Fretti brothers.

He advised that he was married to a sister of the Fretti brothers, but secured a divorce from her in 1931, and that for several years prior thereto he worked for Fretti brothers in the operation of their slot machine business, as well as working around Willow Beach Park.

Concerning the general operation of slot machines, he stated that it appeared that the Fretti brothers had the inside track; that about the year 1928 the Fretti brothers became so powerful that the following large independent operators were forced to seek shelter under the domination of the Fretti brothers by placing stickers of the Fretti brothers' organization on their slot machines to insure their safe operation and prevent their confiscation by the police; these large operators were Otto Albrecht, Louis House, C. C. Jameson, and a man by the name of O'Donnell, who is now deceased; that this organization continued, as far as the city of Toledo is concerned, until about July, 1933, when Frazier Reams, County Prosecutor, waged a war against slot machines in Toledo as a result of a murder of Jackie Kennedy on July 7, 1933, by the Licovoli mob; that gradually thereafter the Fretti brothers gained control of the pin ball games in Toledo and at present are the dominating factors, and that Tom Worland took over the exclusive operation of slot machines in Lucas County, Ohio, when Sheriff O'Reilly took office.

Stack was frank to admit that in his opinion slot machines and pin ball games have been operated in Toledo and Lucas County, Ohio, only by virtue of a pay off to law enforcement agencies, but, however, the details of any pay off were unknown to him as he was never taken into the confidence of the Fretti brothers, and that with reference to recent operations, he had not the slightest contact since he severed connections with the Fretti brothers upon his divorcing their sister in 1931.

Stack stated that he has been employed as a bartender in Norm Kelly's saloon, 21st and Adams Streets, since November, 1935; that he has no recollection of Harry Campbell ever visiting this place, but that he had heard rumors, the source of which he could not or would not divulge, to the effect that Campbell had been on Adams Street, hearing these rumors after Campbell was apprehended, and he talked with Norm Kelly about this and Kelly had remarked on several occasions that he never recalled seeing Campbell in his saloon. Stack, upon viewing the photograph of Sam Coker, stated that it appeared familiar, but he could not recall where he had seen this individual.

Telephone taps have been continued to be maintained on telephones of Maxine Belmont Thomas and Earl Ike Wittenberg, at Toledo, Ohio, since the date of report of reference, and the daily logs are being forwarded to the Bureau and designated offices.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, July 20, 1936:

City Detective James Ford was interviewed at his residence, 1718 Joffre Street, and stated that he heard that Ted Angus had gone up into Northern Canada; that he will endeavor to secure the name of the town where Angus is located, and when Angus returns to Toledo.

Mr. Ford stated that Bill Cosman, who operated a house of prostitution at 628 Ontario Street, has not yet returned to Toledo, but when he does he, Ford, will inform Agents in order that Cosman may be interviewed. He stated that Mother H, who operates a house of prostitution across the street from Bill Cosman's house, at 627-629 Ontario Street, is now in Utica, New York, her home town, visiting relatives.

Mr. Ford further stated that Police Officer Baumgartner, who at one time was on the vice squad, and who was in the "dog house" as a result of a fight he had, was given a promotion to Sergeant when City Manager Edy took office in January, 1936, and Baumgartner has a desk job in Chief of Police Allen's office and sits in on all conferences held by Chief of Police Allen, although Allen does not like it very well.

REVIEW OF THE TOLEDO BLADE FROM JUNE, 1935 TO
SEPTEMBER, 1935, INCLUSIVE.

The Toledo Blade for the above period, was reviewed by Agents
R. A. Guerin and M. J. Kavanagh.

Final Home Edition
June 4, 1935.

Gunman is betrayed by girl; Davis is nabbed by U. S.
Agents after tip. Admits guilt. Davis' arrest in
Chicago brought the Government's score in the \$200,000
abduction to nine in jail. Four others are dead and
eight are still at large.

Final Home Edition
June 14, 1935.

BREMER KIDNAPERS STARTED TO PRISON. Volney⁰ Davis - life;
Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer - 20 years; John J.
(Boss) McLaughlin - 5 years at Leavenworth; James Wilson,
5 years at Chillicothe.

Final Home Edition
July 1, 1935.

Editorial commending conviction of Louis Piquette for
the harboring of Homer Van Meter, the Dillinger gangster.
"Since the conviction of Mr. Piquette the bar association
can note some progress in the purge of the legal profes-
sion."

Final Home Edition
August 29, 1935.

John Hamilton found buried by U. S. Agents in Oswego,
Illinois. Believed fatally wounded in flight from
Sheriff at South St. Paul, April 23, 1934.

Final Home Edition
August 29, 1935

Saratoga Springs, N. Y. (AP) Karpis reported playing the
races. Reports spread that Alvin Karpis had been playing
the races and had escaped Federal trap August 16. Federal
authorities denied knowledge.

Final Home Edition
September 27, 1935.

Another trapped in Bremer kidnaping. Cassius M. McDonald
charged with passing ransom money. Held in Detroit.

Final Home Edition
September 30, 1935.

Gang raid bank. Karpis hunted. Attempted robbery
University State Bank, Chicago, by a gang believed to have
been led by Alvin Karpis hunted kidnaper and Public Enemy #1.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Put-In-Bay, near Sandusky, Ohio, will interview William Poulos, who can be located at "Jim's Place", a restaurant, concerning any information he will give about protection for slot machines at Toledo.

At Toledo, Ohio, will interview C. C. Jameson, 223 Hollywood Avenue, former slot machine operator, for any information he possesses concerning protection of slot machines in Toledo and Lucas County, Ohio.

Will vigorously interview Marie Borley, 3918 Detroit Avenue, with reference to presence of the Barker-Karpis gang at the Casino Club during 1934.

Will interview "Push-Em-Up" Tony, 423 Dorr Street, concerning the information set out in report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, June 27, 1936, as furnished by Deane Allen to the effect that Doc Barker visited the joint operated by "Push-Em-Up" Tony in 1934, at which time Timiney and another officer called Barker off to one side and talked to him and later introduced him to Deane Allen.

When photographs of criminals answering description of Paul Reno at Toledo, are received from the Bureau, will conduct further investigation in effort to effect identification.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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JULY 21, 1936

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Jones	✓
Mr. Mumford	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Gandy	✓

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau there is enclosed herewith a copy of a memorandum dated July 14, 1936, submitted by Special Agent L. D. Wine with reference to certain complaints which Warden J. M. Sanders, of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, made regarding the Department of Justice.

It will be noted from this memorandum that Warden Sanders did not make any criticism concerning the Bureau, and it may also be noted Warden Sanders has always been very cooperative with the Bureau whenever investigations have been conducted at that point.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith
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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

The writer, while at Jefferson City, Missouri, recently, had occasion to contact J. M. Sanders, Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary.

Warden Sanders, on first meeting Agent, related that he was not friendly with the Department of Justice and felt that there were certain members of its personnel with whom he had come in contact who were not cooperative and inclined to be critical.

The writer discreetly endeavored to obtain more specific information from Mr. Sanders and he related he did not feel that Warden Herbst of the United States Penitentiary was cooperative as some time ago he released a Federal prisoner without notifying him, Sanders, although he had communicated with the Warden twelve hours before and requested that the prisoner be held as he was sending guards from the penitentiary to take the man into custody on a state charge. Mr. Sanders stated he was incensed over the attitude of Mr. Herbst and had made a full report of this matter to United States Senator Bennett (Clark) of Missouri.

He stated that during the past winter Edna Murray, former paragon of Volney Davis, now serving a sentence in that institution, was taken by two Deputy United States Marshals in a Ford automobile from Jefferson City to St. Paul, Minnesota, during midwinter and that they returned her in this automobile and she told the Warden that she was nearly frozen to death on this trip and it was a great hardship to her as she was in awfully poor health.

Some months thereafter Edna Murray was again subpoenaed to Florida and on this occasion he instructed that arrangements be made to have one of his guards and a matron accompany Edna Murray to Florida and they rode by train in a day coach; that after her arrival in Florida he received a letter from the U.S. Attorney in Florida. He did not recall the name of the United States Attorney but believes it was from Tallahassee, severely criticising the Warden for permitting Edna Murray to be transported in a day coach.

Mr. Sanders said he had no criticism to make whatever of the U.S. and found the Agents of this Bureau had fully cooperated with him.

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The writer cultivated the friendship of Warden Sanders and he is at this time quite friendly and willing to cooperate fully. He related Edna Murray has recently been writing her memoirs and has submitted an eighty page draft of an article which she is preparing for one of the current detective magazines. Mr. Sanders has succeeded in obtaining the confidence of Edna Murray at this time and she will talk freely and if any of the material in her possession will be of value to the Bureau I will be glad to turn over any information received from her at this time. Mr. Sanders volunteered the information to Agent that Edna Murray had told him of her association with Volney Davis, the Barker-Karpis gang and of her various trips throughout the United States, and that possibly some of this information had not been revealed to the Government. He stated Edna Murray was very positive in her statement that Adam Richetti was not involved in the Kansas City Massacre although he is now awaiting an appeal from death sentence imposed on this charge.

Warden Sanders is a close personal friend of Richard Phelps, Assistant United States Attorney, and I believe at this time he will cooperate 100% with the Kansas City Bureau Office and the Bureau in general, and on several subsequent interviews promised he has gone out of his way to be courteous and cooperative and has offered the use of his private office for the interviewing of prisoners in his institution.

This information is being submitted in confidence for the information of the Special Agent in Charge and the Bureau.

Warden Sanders did not relate any time he did not receive the fullest cooperation from the P.S.I. but his hostility was directed against the Department of Justice in general rather than to the Bureau in particular.

Respectfully submitted:

L. D. WINE
SPECIAL AGENT

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

ETD:RDG

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 18, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Lester
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Gandy

Reference is made to the Fugitive Index, #5885, Bureau File, 7-576, submitted by Unit One in the case of Dr. Joseph P. Loran, concerning whom Identification Order, #1232 has been issued. No memorandum was submitted when this card was received in the Identification Division, since such procedure was not customary at that time. There are transmitted herewith two copies of an abstract of the criminal record of this subject, #FBI-794777, as revealed by the files of the Identification Division.

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Height
Build
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Occupation
Date of Birth
Birthplace
Scars and Marks

A photostatic copy of the Application for Adjusted Compensation for Service in the Army, passed August 16, 1932, indicates: Present address: 503 Main Street, Maywood, Illinois; Place of Birth: Spring Valley, Illinois; Remarks: Transferred from Cavalry Service to Air Service, Signal Reserve Corps. While overseas, transferred to Machine Gun Corps, 76th Division and assigned to headquarters of that division.

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The following address appears on a letter in subject's handwriting, dated January 12, 1923: 26 Hemenway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

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July 18, 1936.

A letter from the War Department, revealing the subject's Army record, is quoted below:

"The fingerprints of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, alias Joseph B. and Joseph C. Moran, contained on identification order No. 1232, September 14, 1934, which was forwarded by you, have been found to be identical with those on file in this office for Joseph P. Moran, who was admitted on May 15, 1917, to the First Reserve Officers' Training Camp at Leon Springs, Texas, as a civilian candidate for a commission. While in training at that camp he was appointed a Second Lieutenant, Cavalry, Officers' Reserve Corps, and assigned to active duty under his commission at that place on May 26, 1917. He was relieved from active duty on July 11, 1917, and on August 2, 1917, submitted his resignation as a Second Lieutenant, Cavalry, Officers' Reserve Corps, which was accepted by the President.

"He enlisted in the United States Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas September 4, 1917, and was assigned to duty with the 165th Depot Brigade at Camp Travis, Texas, where he served until December 1, 1917, when he was transferred to the Aviation Section, Signal Corps School (non flying), at Kelly Field, Texas. On January 21, 1918, he was transferred to the School of Military Aeronautics, Georgia Institute of Technology, where he trained until February 9, 1918, when he was honorably discharged as an enlisted man in order to accept an appointment as Second Lieutenant, Aviation Section, Signal Officers' Reserve Corps, and enter upon active duty thereunder, which he did on February 10, 1918. He sailed overseas on June 28, 1918; returned to the United States on December 11, 1918, and was honorably discharged at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, on January 3, 1919, for the convenience of the Government, his services being no longer required.

"At the time of his enlistment Lieutenant Moran stated that he was born in Spring Valley, Illinois, that he was twenty-two years and three months of age and by occupation a student. He asked that his brother, Dr. James M. Moran, Spring Valley, Illinois, be notified in case of emergency. The latest communication received from Lieutenant Moran was an application for adjusted compensation which was dated August 10, 1932, and in which he stated that he resided at 503 Main Street, Maywood, Illinois. His signature was witnessed by Mr. Michael James Larvia, 1116 North 14th Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois, and Mr. Francis Joseph Carey, 215 South 6th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois."

It is noted that the signature of this subject appears on the two fingerprint cards, the letter, and the application for adjusted compensation mentioned above.

The fingerprint classification of the subject is as follows:

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Memorandum for Mr. Edwards

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July 18, 1936.

No photograph, other than that appearing on the Identification Order, #1232, is available in the files of the Identification Division.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder
L. C. Schilder, F.J.W.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. #1218, et al; Edward
George Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

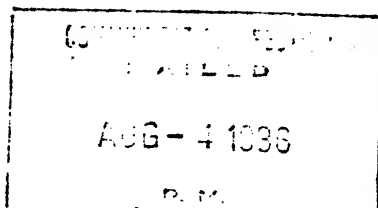
Transmitted herewith are copies of a self-explanatory memorandum concerning Dr. Joseph P. Moran which has been prepared by the Bureau. This is being furnished for your information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #1247383

cc St. Paul
Cincinnati (Enc copies above referred to
Cleveland memorandum to offices receiving
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July 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

Please examine your file and note the contents of the reports and letters hereinafter referred to:

Report of Agent Lynn dated May 6, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, requested certain inquiry to determine the location of Thelma Holst, with specific request that no other investigation be conducted.

Letter of the Philadelphia Office dated May 26, 1936, covers your inquiry as to this and indicates apparent understanding as to what was desired.

Under date of June 16, 1936, the Cleveland Office furnished the Cincinnati office and your office particularly with a memorandum indicating certain information which would be necessary when and if Thelma Holst is interviewed by you, and in the second paragraph thereof, it is specifically stated that it is expected that Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, will direct, in the near future, interrogation of Thelma Holst.

In view of the specific instructions indicated above, please immediately advise the Bureau in detail, as to why, contrary to same, Thelma Holst was interviewed without my instructions to you to do so, as reflected in report of Agent Fallon dated 7-7-36, covering investigation 7-2-36 and which report was received at the Cincinnati Office 7-11-36. If you were not responsible for this action, please obtain signed memorandum from the Agent responsible for the action in question.

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This unwarranted action has seriously interfered with investigation of a major case. It was planned that the various women connected with the Angus brothers would be interviewed relatively simultaneously, in order that they could not get together on their stories, based on what we might ask them. There was a very definite reaction to this unwarranted action, inasmuch as Ted Angus immediately left Toledo, Ohio, on or about July 6, apparently when learning of what had happened, we not being advised of such until approximately nine days after it occurred. It is believed that we will now obtain the same answers from the various individuals, as is reflected in the more or less worthless statement obtained from Thelma Holst.

When this woman was interviewed, and I am not requesting that she again be interviewed at this time, she should have been asked to identify the pictures of the various subjects, when she saw them, at what places she saw them, who was with them, and what was the degree of social relationship and acquaintance as between the various parties. It is noted that she advises she was at the Casino Club with Jimmy Wilson and Slim Gray. It is to be noted that the present investigation of this case involves the development of information which will show a Harboring charge as against Thelma Holst and others.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 7/28/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/20-27/36	REPORT MADE BY C. E. SMITH EJB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: H. Boron, 1721 Clark Avenue, SW, has no information of value. Vernon Fenzer, student, National Flying School, advises two women accompanied pilot who landed Ryan cabin plane at McKinley airport near end of January; unable to identify photos of Karpis or Goldstein. Advises one woman left in LaSalle coupe. Emma Simpson, colored maid at Edna Haney's house, cannot identify photos of Karpis and Goldstein. Alva R. Connor not located. Partial survey of Canton, Ohio, newspaper made and articles relative to Brekid summarized and set forth for future use.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 7/21/36.</p> <p>DETAILS: This is a joint report of Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT CANTON, OHIO</u></p> <p>Mr. H. Boron, 1721 Clark Street, SW, was interviewed and advised that he was a night watchman in the vicinity of Fourth and Walnut Street, which is approximately the center of the red light district, and he stated that during his rounds he naturally became acquainted with several of the girls operating in the vicinity and he had learned from them that just prior to the arrest of Joe Rich,</p>			
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some time in March of this year by the narcotic men, that Joe had intended to purchase an unfinished house somewhere on the outskirts of Canton, Ohio, and had intended to remodel it into a night club and also have a couple of girls there for the customers, but in so far as he had heard recently Edna Haney, Joe's wife had given up the idea.

Mr. Boron stated that he would be unable to state if any particular persons had frequented Edna and Joe's house as his work was only during the night and he paid no attention to the individuals prowling the territory unless they were acting in a suspicious manner around one of his stores or factories, stating that there were so many men coming and going in the territory he would be unable to keep track of them.

Vernon Fenzer, 1013 Dueber Avenue, SW, was interviewed, and advised that he was a former Yellow Cab driver, but was presently employed by the Pure Oil Company at Ninth and Cleveland Streets, and that he was taking instructions at the National Flying School, located at the McKinley Airport, Canton, Ohio.

Mr. Fenzer advised that about the end of January he was working at the airport when an airplane landed carrying the pilot and two women, and that after it landed he helped place the plane in the hangar and noticed that the pilot and one of the women went into the hangar to get warm while one of the women got into a LaSalle coupe with a khaki colored top and was driven away by a man. Fenzer stated that in so far as he can recall the plane landed about the time it was getting dark and it was a Ryan cabin plane. Photographs of numerous subjects of this and other cases, including those of Alvin Karpis and Grace Goldstein, as well as a photograph of Joe Rich's LaSalle coupe, were exhibited to Fenzer, however, he was unable to identify either Karpis or Goldstein, and could not identify the photograph of Joe Rich. With reference to the photograph of Joe Rich's car, he stated that in his opinion that was the car which drove the second woman away from the hangar.

Continuing, Fenzer stated that he also thought it was the same car that a negro was driving one night which took one of his passengers away from him and failed to pay him the \$2.50 charge coming to him for a trip. When questioned relative to this case, Fenzer advised that he had picked up a good looking blonde at the Barnett Hotel about 8:30 P. M. on a day late in February, or early in March, and had driven her to 2646 Avalon Road, NE., where the blonde had picked up some baggage and then drove her to the Peoples Grill located at Fourth and Cherry Streets. (The Peoples Grill is a negro and white beer parlor), at which place a negro drove up in the LaSalle coupe and took the girl's luggage from the cab and placed it in the LaSalle and then told him to beat it. Fenzer went to the police station to get an officer and upon his return the negro and the girl were gone. Fenzer stated that the cab company did

not keep a record of the trips of the cabs as they were privately owned by the drivers and were charged so much a day for service and repairs.

Agents interviewed Mr. H. L. Bailey, 2646 Avalon Road, and ascertained that it was a two-family house occupied by Mr. Bailey and a Mr. Joseph Gall, and was owned by the Harvey Loehr Lumber Company, Crystal Park and Mahoning Avenues, and that Mr. Bailey had only recently moved into the part formerly occupied by an Italian family in June of this year. Agents interviewed Mr. Ed Williams of the Loehr Lumber Company and he advised that a Clyde Bercaw was the rent collector for the company and might possibly be able to assist agents in ascertaining the identity of the individuals who had occupied the house in February and March of 1936.

Accordingly, Mr. Bercaw was interviewed and stated that a family by the name of Ralph DeJanerio had formerly resided at 2646 Avalon Road, but had since moved and he did not know their correct present address. Mr. Bercaw further stated that as he recalled there was a rather good looking blonde at the Avalon address.

Mr. H. A. Flergkert, superintendent, Station A, U. S. Post Office, was interviewed and advised that Ralph DeJanerio had moved to 1725 Seventeenth Street, NE.

Mrs. Matilda DeJanerio, 1725 Seventeenth Street, NE, was interviewed and after some hesitation introduced Agents to Mrs. Mary Unberath, her mother. Upon further interview Mrs. DeJanerio and Mrs. Unberath advised that their sister and daughter had left their house some time during the latter part of February or the first part of March, in a cab, however, neither of them had any knowledge as to where she might have gone. When questioned relative to the possibility that the daughter, Eleanore, was going with a colored man the mother admitted that she had had considerable trouble with her daughter and on one occasion had her picked up by the Canton, Ohio Police Department in company with a negro, however, Sergeant Goshorn had stated that to place the girl in jail would possibly give her a wrong slant and she would not meet the proper kind of people, therefore both the colored man and Eleanore were released.

It was Mrs. Unberath's recollection that the colored man's name was Connie Mercer, a barber of Massillon, Ohio.

Continuing, Mrs. Unberath stated that Eleanore had stopped going with Mercer and taken up with an Eddie Stone, another negro, who drove what she thought was a LaSalle automobile. In this connection it is possible that Eddie Stone is Eddie Scott, a possible subject in the case entitled, HOBART CARTER, with aliases; et al; ESTHER McCAMAN, with aliases, et al, victim, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT; Cleveland office file #31-156.

A photograph of Eleanore Unberath was obtained from Mrs. Mary Unberath, and same was exhibited to Vernon Fenzer, ex-cab driver, and he stated that it greatly resembled the blonde he had picked up at the Bartlett Hotel.

Mrs. Mary Unberath, when questioned relative to the present whereabouts of her daughter, advised that she had been home several weeks ago, however, she did not advise her mother where she was living, nor what she was doing, merely stating she was through with colored men. Mrs. Unberath further advised that it was her opinion that Eleanore was in Cleveland, Ohio, as she had received one or two letters from her postmarked at Cleveland, with no return address.

The following description of Eleanore Unberath, as obtained by agents from her mother, Mary Unberath, is set forth:

Name	-	Eleanore Unberath
Age	-	21 years
Height	-	5'8"
Weight	-	135 pounds
Hair	-	Blonde, bobbed
Eyes	-	Blue
Teeth	-	Full and even
Complexion	-	Fair
Features	-	Full
Build	-	Slender
Sex	-	Female
Race	-	White
Nativity	-	American
Marital Status	-	Single
Occupation	-	Not known
Residence	-	1725 Seventeenth St., NE, Canton, O.
Date of birth	-	Feb. 3, 1915, Canton, O.
Relatives	-	Mother - Mrs. Mary Unberath Sister - Mrs. Matilda DeJanerio 1725 Seventeenth St., NE, Canton, O.

The above information relative to Eleanore Unberath will be further checked on the possibility that she may be the victim of a White Slave Traffic Act case.

Mrs. Emma Simpson (nee Harrison), colored, was interviewed and stated that she was presently separated from her husband and resides at 600 Twelfth Street, NE, Canton, Ohio, and had been for the past two and one-half years working for Edna Haney, alias Mrs. Joe Rich, madam of a house of prostitution, in the capacity of house servant. Mrs. Simpson further stated that she generally started to work about 9 A. M. in the morning and finished work about 4:30 or 5 P. M. in the afternoon; that her duties consisting of cleaning the house, preparing meals and answering the door on occasions for customers.

Emma Simpson was questioned at length regarding individuals who spent more than an hour or so at the house, and she advised that during the day no one stayed any great length of time, and further stated she had no knowledge of anyone staying overnight as she herself did no night work.

Numerous photographs, including those of Alvin Karpis, Grace Goldstein, and other subjects of this case, were exhibited to Emma Simpson, however, she was unable to identify any of them.

When questioned relative to Joe Rich's connections and associates she states that she could furnish agents with no information along those lines as she tended to her own work and in that way kept out of trouble. She was discreetly questioned as to whether she knew of any pay offs to police or public officials by Edna Haney, or Joe Rich, to permit the house to operate, and she stated she knew nothing, further stating that the police did stop in every so often and check up on the girls to see if they had their health cards.

Agents likewise interrogated Simpson relative to the manner in which Edna secured her girls, and whether or not any men supplied them or whether the girls had pimps. Emma stated that in so far as she knew the girls came to Edna's house looking for work and no one placed them there. With reference to pimps, Emma stated that the girls, whom she termed "war veterans" would not give a man time to die let alone part of the money they earned.

Emma Simpson was also questioned relative to the whereabouts of Dolly Rogers and Kitty, former prostitutes in Edna's house, and she stated that she had no knowledge where either of them might be at the present time, further stating that she did not even know Kitty's last name, as the girls very seldom used their correct names.

Agents called at the State Hotel, Canton, Ohio, for the purpose of locating Alva R. Connor, former Lieutenant of Police, Canton, Ohio, for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, information in regard to the conditions existing in Canton. However, Mr. Connor had moved and inquiry at the Post Office failed to reveal a forwarding address, however, William Dyer of the Claims Division, stated that Connor was now residing somewhere in Cleveland, Ohio.

A partial survey of the Canton, Ohio Repository, the only local newspaper, was made covering the periods, January, 1934, to June 1934, inclusive; January, 1935, to May, 1935, inclusive; and March, 1936, to May, 1936, inclusive, and the following articles relative to the BREKID case are set forth for future reference.

January 18, 1934 Article relative to Edward G. Bremer, 38 year old banker of St. Paul being held for \$200,000 ransom.

January 19, 1934 Front page photo of victim Bremer, with notation, Dept. of Justice sends Frank J. Blake, credited with tracking down Unscheel kidnapers.

January 20, 1934 Article stating banker slain by kidnapers.

January 21, 1934 Front page article with photos of victim's father and wife and Walter Magee, as well as article by Charles J. Tierney and Thomas A. Brown revealing Tierney's version of the kidnaping.

January 22, 1934 Article in which father of victim asks a free hand in dealing with kidnapers.

January 23, 1934 Article stating Bremer family denies contact.

January 24, 1934 Article stating gang follows wrong car in ransom move.

January 25, 1934 Article stating kidnapers request delay of 3 days. Unprecedented massing of Dept. of Justice agents in twin cities.

January 26, 1934 Article revealing Dillinger gang captured at Tucson, Arizona and possible connection with Bremer case.

January 27, 1934 Article stating family awaited word from kidnapers.

January 28, 1934	Article stating squabble arose between family and Federal Government.
January 29, 1934	Article stating father of victim begged gang to make contact.
February 4, 1934	Article stating Adolph ^X Bremer gives gang 3 days and nights to make contact.
February 5, 1934	Article stating Bremer abductors cling to silence.
February 7, 1934	Article stating abductors given one more day.
February 8, 1934	Article stating Bremer freed and gang gets \$200,000.
February 9, 1934	Article stating Federal Government hunting abductors.
February 10, 1934	Article stating faint clues traced.
February 11, 1934	Article containing photo of Bremer and statement that U. S. takes over investigation.
February 13, 1934	Article stating hideout believed to be located near Creston, Iowa.
April 1, 1934	Photo of Arthur "Doc" ^Q Barker with notation he was a suspect in Bremer case.
April 29, 1934	Article stating two more held in Bremer case.
April 30, 1934	Article stating John J. ^Q McLaughlin confesses handling \$53,000 of Bremer ransom.
January 9, 1935	Article stating Russell ^Q Gibson suspect in Bremer case slain by U. S. Agents.
January 10, 1935	Article stating Byron ^Q Bolton jailed in Chicago, Ill.
January 16, 1935	Article stating Fred ^Q Barker and mother shot in machine gun battle in Florida.
January 18, 1935	Article stating Arthur "Doc" Barker held by Agents.
January 21, 1935	Article stating Karpis shot his way out of Atlantic City. Also photo of Karpis with notation, "Bremer Case Suspect 'left the girls behind.'"

January 22, 1935	Article stating Karpis traced to Michigan and abandoned car near Monroe, Michigan.
January 24, 1935	Article stating Illinois police seeking Karpis for bank holdup at <u>Rock Island, Illinois</u> .
February 2, 1935	Article stating girl Karpis left behind gives birth to son.
February 7, 1935	Article stating U. S. Agent slugged as prisoner escapes.
May 2, 1935	Article stating raids made in Chicago northside for Karpis and Barker named by Attorney General Cummings as men who took Bremer.
May 4, 1935	Article stating Harry ^O Sawyer, Bremer suspect, arrested.
May 7, 1935	Photograph of Harry Sawyer and notation, "Held in Bremer Case."
May 17, 1935	Article stating Bremer jury convicts five for kidnaping Barker and aid receive life terms.
May 18, 1935	Article stating Agents locate shack near Cuba City, Wisconsin, where Bremer was held.
May 26, 1935	Article stating Karpis linked to Weyerhauser case by St. Paul Agents.
June 2, 1935	Article stating Karpis hunted as abductor of Tacoma boy.
June 3, 1935	Article stating Volney Davis ^O , a Karpis hoodlum, admits guilt in Bremer case.
April 18, 1936	Article stating J. E. Hoover announces Hamm kidnaping solved.
April 19, 1936	Article stating Alvin Karpis and Chief Lieutenant remain at large; remnants of once powerful gang.
April 22, 1936	Article stating reward placed for capture of Karpis and Campbell.
April 23, 1936	Article stating seven men indicted in Hamm case, only Alvin Karpis at large.

April 27, 1936	Article stating Alvin Karpis was named in Ohio mail holdup.
May 1, 1936	Article stating Karpis identified at Tiffin, Ohio.
May 2, 1936	Article stating father and brother of Fred Hunter held at Warren, Ohio.
May 2, 1936	Article stating father of Karpis, when advised of son's arrest wanted to be left alone.
May 2, 1936	Article stating, Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick declined to talk about Karpis tip.
May 2, 1936	Article stating Police Lieutenant Gardner at Tulsa said Ohio train holdup put U. S. Agents on Karpis' trail.
May 2, 1936	Article stating J. E. Hoover in personal charge of 10 Agents flew Karpis to St. Paul.
May 2, 1936	Article stating Police Reveal Karpis had hideout in Canton, Ohio. Man later arrested on narcotic charge identified as host to Karpis.
May 3, 1936	Article stating Garrettsville train robbery smashed Karpis gang.
May 3, 1936	Article stating J. E. Hoover stated Karpis scared when arrested.
May 4, 1936	Photo of Director Hoover and Karpis entering Post Office at St. Paul.
May 4, 1936	Article stating Karpis wanted by Minneapolis and Missouri on murder charges.
May 6, 1936	Photograph of Karpis wearing glasses.
May 7, 1936	Article stating Harry Campbell arrested at Toledo, Ohio.

All of the above set forth newspaper articles were located in the files of the Public Library at Canton, Ohio.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE will continue to endeavor to locate Dolly Rogers and Kitty, last name not known, former prostitutes at the house of Edna Haney, and when located question them relative to Joe Rich's associates and whether Karpis or Grace Goldstein were ever at Edna Haney house.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JULY 28, 1936

Transmit the following message to: SAC ST. PAUL

IN RESPONSE TO TELEGRAM DATED TODAY FROM R. J. DUNLAP, MANAGING EDITOR,
ST. PAUL DISPATCH PIONEER PRESS, FOR PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH ALVIN
KARPIS, CHARLES FITZGERALD, EDWARD BARTHOLOMEY AND JOHN PELFER FOR
NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION, DUNLAP HAS BEEN ADVISED SUCH ACTION CONTRARY
TO EXISTING POLICIES AND MANY SIMILAR REQUESTS IN SIMILAR CASES IN
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INSPECTOR CONNELLEY CONTACT HAS BEEN HAD WITH USA SULLIVAN AND HE
STATES KARPIS WILL NOT BE PROSECUTED OR ARRAIGNED ON BREKID INDICTMENT
IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS AS TO STATE PROSECUTION BUT INDICTMENT
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Time - 11:20 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent E. H. Williams, acting in charge of the St. Paul Office, telephoned Mr. Foxworth to report that Charles J. Fitzgerald and Alvin Karpis were just given life sentences each in connection with their participation in the Hamm Kidnaping Case.

Mr. Williams advised further that Karpis did not enter a plea as to the Bremer Kidnaping Case this morning, it evidently being his intention to wait until another time.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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PHONE JOIL BREKID. INQUIRY CORONER, COOK COUNTY, REFERENCE PROBASCO
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Time - 9:35 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned SAC Stein at the St. Paul Office with reference to the teletype from that office advising among other things that the United States Marshal at St. Paul is planning to today remove Karpis and Fitzgerald to Leavenworth Penitentiary. I inquired of Mr. Stein if the Marshal has made a request upon the St. Paul Office for some assistance in the removal of these men, and he said they have not. Mr. Stein said that they have offered the services of the Agents in similar matters once or twice, and the Marshal has not been very active in accepting the offer. However, in this particular removal, Mr. Stein said that he had in mind sending some Agents along in any event, since we do not want to take a chance of their getting away.

I suggested to Mr. Stein that he get in touch with the Marshal and jockey himself in such a position that he can offer the services of the Agents in the removal of these men. I told him that if the offer is refused, there doesn't appear to be much else we can do; however, if they accept our offer, he should make arrangements to send about four Agents with Agent McKee in charge of them, taking along our own leg irons and other equipment, including machine guns, etc; that the Agents should dominate the situation and go right with the prisoners to the penitentiary.

Mr. Stein said he would talk to the Marshal and let me know.

Time - 10:53 A.M.

Mr. Stein telephoned me back to report that he had talked with the Chief Deputy United States Marshal in the absence of the Marshal himself. He advised that they are going to remove Karpis, Fitzgerald and a man named Russell Wend to Leavenworth this afternoon on the Great Western leaving from St. Paul at 3:30 P.M. There are to be three from the Marshal's Office, three special guards, and three Agents of the St. Paul Office. The Agents are Brennan, Bryce and McKee, McKee in charge. In connection with the Agents going along, I pointed out to Mr. Stein that we really accept the responsibility by going along, and that consequently, every precaution possible should be taken.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

July 1, 1936.

Time - 10:50 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with SAC Stein at the St. Paul Office, he reported the following results of the interview with Alvin Karpis which was conducted yesterday by the Post Office Inspectors in the presence of Special Agent Jack Brennan of the St. Paul Office:

The Inspectors were Messrs. Hettrick and Cordrey. The purpose of their interview was to see if Karpis would give them any information which would tend to exonerate George Sargent in the Warren mail robbery at Warren, Ohio. Karpis refused to discuss that case at all unless he could be assured that Fred Hunter would not be prosecuted for the Garrettsville mail robbery. The Inspectors told him they could give him no such assurance, and Karpis told them he would not make a statement as to Sargent inasmuch as he had learned that Sargent at one time was gunning for him and was reported to be attempting to secure information as to his whereabouts to turn him over to the Government. Karpis further refused to discuss the Garrettsville mail robbery with them at all.

After the interview with Karpis, Hettrick and Cordrey talked with Agent Brennan, advising him that they had all of the information they needed in connection with the Garrettsville mail robbery. The Inspectors went on to claim that they had gotten the original information which led to the apprehension of both Karpis and Campbell, further claiming that they had been double-crossed by the Bureau; that they had nothing against the Agents of the Bureau as such, since they were merely following instructions from their superiors; that the statement which Mr. Hoover issued criticizing the Post Office Inspectors for their lack of cooperation was done for the purpose of "jumping the gun" on them. Another thing they criticized was that when they were working with Agents of this Bureau, the Agents felt that it was incumbent upon them to notify the Director of everything they did. The Inspectors continued that they had spent considerable time and effort developing confidential informants, and one of them was interviewed by Mr. Connelley in such a manner that he was thereafter afraid to furnish the Inspectors with any more information. This undoubtedly refers to Clayton Hall.

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The Post Office Inspectors then criticized Mr. Connelley, stating that he was an egotistical sort of a person who was running around the country sticking out his chest and making it known that he was E. J. Connelley of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and that he was frequently mentioned in the papers, etc.

They then referred to Special Agent E. J. Dowd as a "smoothie", and criticized Agent Wynn for securing the identity of the nurse who treated Sam Soker. They said they had this information before Wynn did, and that after Wynn secured it, he and some more Bureau Agents picked up the doctor and the nurse and held them incommunicado so that they were not available for interview by the Post Office Inspectors.

Inspector Hettrick further stated that six Post Office Inspectors had been in Washington when there was a rumor of a Congressional investigation of the lack of cooperation between the two agencies, and that the purpose of their being in Washington was to urge the investigation. Hettrick continued that there is now some person in Toledo whose identity and location he knows who is being sought for questioning by the Bureau, and that he was requested to furnish this information to the Agents of the Bureau working in Toledo, but that he had refused to do so. He likewise knows the location of Milton Lett, but will not furnish the information to the Bureau.

All of the above information, in more detail, is being furnished to the Bureau in an air mail, special delivery letter dictated by Agent Brennan. I suggested to Mr. Stein that he get from Mr. Brennan a signed statement setting forth the fact that Hettrick informed him he knew the location of a person or persons for whom the Bureau is looking and would not advise us in the premises.

Mr. Stein said that while the main purpose of Agent Brennan in his talk with Hettrick was just to let him talk to see what he had to say, he did not take all of this criticism sitting down; that he fought back at them on various occasions with incidents which have come to our attention involving the Post Office Inspectors and their inefficiency, etc.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am submitting to you the following information reflecting the obvious lack of desire on the part of certain members of the Post Office Inspection Staff to cooperate with Special Agents of this Bureau.

KIDNAPING OF EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Edward George Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped by members of the Karpis-Barker gang at St. Paul on January 17, 1934. The fact that the apprehension of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell was sought by this Bureau in connection with this kidnaping was extensively publicized throughout the country. Identification orders relative to those individuals were issued, requesting the assistance of law enforcement officials and the public in procuring information which would lead to the apprehension of these criminals. There could not, therefore, exist any doubt on the part of any law enforcement officers as to the desire of this Bureau to effect the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell.

Raid on premises of Mrs. Maggie Lett, mother of Milton Lett, an associate of Harry Campbell, without advising the representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

During the fall of 1935 investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Oklahoma disclosed that one of Harry Campbell's contacts was one Milton Lett, whose mother, Maggie Lett, resides at Warr, Oklahoma. Efforts were, therefore, made to locate Milton Lett, in the belief that his location might lead to the apprehension of Harry Campbell. Investigation disclosed that Maggie Lett was receiving registered mail at Warr, Oklahoma from an individual in Cleveland, Ohio, thought to be either Milton Lett or Harry Campbell. On November 27, 1935 a surveillance was commenced in the registry section of the Cleveland, Ohio post office, which was continued until January 20, 1936, in order to identify the

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person sending mail matter to Maggie Lett. It should be specifically noted that this surveillance was maintained with the knowledge of Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick of Cleveland, Ohio.

The Garrettsville mail robbery occurred on November 7, 1935. The Bureau at that time had no evidence that any persons sought by it were involved in that offense. Shortly after November 27, 1935, on which date the surveillance of the registry section of the Cleveland Post Office was commenced, Post Office Inspector Hettrick of Cleveland, Ohio interviewed a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, advising him that through their investigation they had positively identified the photograph of one Thomas J. Shaw as the purchaser of a Plymouth sedan automobile used in the Garrettsville mail robbery. Subsequently the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation identified Shaw as Milton Lett. At the time of the interview between Inspector Hettrick and an Agent of the Bureau, Hettrick expressed the opinion that the Garrettsville mail robbery had been effected by Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and others, but stated that at that time they had not effected positive identifications.

Despite the fact that Post Office Inspector Hettrick knew of the surveillance by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the Cleveland post office and that the Bureau, therefore, was interested in Maggie Lett of Wann, Oklahoma, the Post Office Inspectors, without notifying any Bureau office or official, proceeded to Wann, Oklahoma during January, 1936, there, with the assistance of the Kansas State Highway Patrol and Deputy Sheriffs, they conducted a raid on the premises of Mrs. Maggie Lett, mother of Milton Lett.

Failure of Post Office Inspectors to advise representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as to positive identifications of Karpis and Campbell in the Garrettsville mail robbery.

No information was obtained from Post Office Inspectors by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as to the identification of Karpis and Campbell as participants in the Garrettsville mail robbery. It, therefore, became necessary for the Bureau to conduct an independent investigation through interviews with various witnesses to the robbery, and it was thereby ascertained that numerous witnesses positively identified Karpis and Campbell as participants in said robbery.

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The failure of Post Office Inspectors to notify representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as to the identification of Karpis and Campbell as participants in the Garrettsville mail robbery is considered a specific instance of a lack of cooperation on their part.

Misleading statement by Post Office Inspector to effect that George H. Keady had not been taken into custody by or for the Post Office Inspectors.

During an interview between a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Post Office Inspector Hettrick, Inspector Hettrick advised the Special Agent that George H. (Barrhead) Keady had not been picked up by or for the Post Office Inspectors and that his whereabouts were at that time unknown to him, Hettrick. Investigation by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation disclosed that the Post Office Inspectors had obtained information to the effect that Keady was involved in the Garrettsville mail robbery and Keady was apprehended by Joe Anderson, an officer of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, who was employed by the Post Office Inspectors to assist in the investigation of the Garrettsville mail robbery, and that Keady, upon his apprehension, was brought to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was secretly confined by the Post Office Inspectors.

This attempt on the part of Inspector Hettrick to mislead Special Agents of the Bureau as to the status of George H. Keady is believed to be an obvious instance of lack of cooperation, inasmuch as the identity and location of any and all participants in the Garrettsville robbery was important, inasmuch as this information might lead to clues as to the location of Karpis and Campbell.

Taking into custody of Clayton Hall, known Bureau informant, without first consulting representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Clayton Hall, who was considered a confidential informant of the Cleveland Bureau Office, was interviewed by two Special Agents of the Bureau on March 25, 1936 at Youngstown, Ohio. After obtaining considerable information from him arrangements were made for Hall to proceed to the Cleveland Office of the Bureau on the following day,

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March 26, 1936, where he was to be interrogated further. Hall was given a \$5 bill by one of the Special Agents of the Bureau and also a piece of paper on which were written the name of the Agent and the address of the Cleveland Bureau Office. Much concern was naturally felt by the personnel of the Cleveland Office when Hall failed to appear on March 26th, as agreed. Hall had previously furnished that office with much important information concerning the location of Alvin Karpis. Upon the failure of Hall to appear, two Special Agents proceeded to Youngstown, Ohio to the residence of Hall, on March 27, 1936. Efforts to locate him were unsuccessful. A surveillance of Hall's home was initiated by the Agents.

At about 5 p.m. the same day, March 27th, Post Office Inspector Hettrick telephoned the Special Agent in Charge of the Cleveland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from Youngstown, Ohio, advising that the Post Office Inspectors had taken Hall into custody and that they were aware that two of the Bureau Agents were conducting investigation at Youngstown, having Hall's home under surveillance. Thereafter, two Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Youngstown met Post Office Inspectors S. J. Hettrick, E. D. Claggett, H. W. Fawcett, and Jess Cordrey, and Post Office Inspector in Charge A. R. Briggs, of the Cincinnati Division. There were also present at this conference Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, and Mark Mock and William Sowers of the Ohio State Highway Police. At this conference Mr. Briggs advised his men had taken Clayton Hall into custody the day before, March 26th, and were holding him for questioning. Clayton Hall had indicated that he could furnish information as to the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis, but before doing so he desired to have representatives of this Bureau present. At this time one of the Bureau Agents inquired as to the whereabouts of Hall, whereupon Post Office Inspector in Charge Briggs replied "He is not under arrest, but we have him in tow and at the proper time we will produce him."

Thereafter Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were permitted to interview Hall and they inquired of him as to why he failed to appear at the Cleveland Office, as agreed. Hall replied that he left his home in Youngstown, Ohio on March 26, 1936, and while on his way to Cleveland he was picked up by about twelve men, taken to the police station, where on three different occasions he was placed in a show-up and viewed by witnesses. He stated he protested to the men who had him in custody that he was on his way to the Bureau Office at Cleveland, exhibiting to them the piece of paper bearing the name of the Special Agent and the address of the Cleveland Office, together with the \$5 bill given him by a Special Agent to cover his transportation expenses.

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It is believed that the taking into custody by a Governmental investigative agency of a known special informant of another agency, without advising the agency primarily interested, reflects an obvious lack of cooperation.

Refusal of Post Office Inspectors to permit Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to interview John Brock, participant in Garrettsville mail robbery.

John Brock, a Tulsa, Oklahoma hoodlum, was identified as a participant, with Karpis, Campbell and others, in the Garrettsville mail robbery. Brock was apprehended by Post Office Inspectors at Tulsa, Oklahoma and was removed to Youngstown, Ohio, where he was held incommunicado. In view of the fact that Karpis and Campbell had been positively identified in the said robbery, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation expressed a positive desire to Post Office Inspectors to interview Brock, in the hope of obtaining information which might lead to the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. On April 2, 1936 a Special Agent of this Bureau was advised by Post Office Inspector in Charge W. R. Briggs that he, Briggs, would allow an Agent to interview John Brock, who was then held by Post Office Inspectors on the third floor of the Post Office Building in Youngstown, Ohio. On April 3, 1936 a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation received authorization to interview John Brock in accordance with the permission granted by Inspector Briggs. Prior to this interview, however, he discussed the matter with Post Office Inspector Claggett, at which time Claggett advised said Agent that it would be impossible to interview Brock, inasmuch as Post Office Inspector in Charge Briggs had specifically instructed him, Claggett, that no person outside of the Post Office Inspectors, was to talk to Brock. The excuse was made that an interview by a Special Agent of this Bureau might result in Brock's refusal to testify against the other participants in the Garrettsville mail robbery case. Another Agent of the Bureau then conferred with Inspector Tavenor relative to the refusal of Inspector in Charge Briggs to allow an Agent to interview Brock, and Inspector Tavenor called the matter to the attention of Inspector Briggs by long distance telephone, whereupon Briggs advised Tavenor that, in view of the fact that Inspector Claggett probably had a more definite line on Brock's attitude, he would be governed by Claggett's view and would, therefore, decline to allow an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to interview Brock.

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It may be of possible interest to note that on one occasion a Special Agent of this Bureau received information from a Post Office Inspector, whose name must be maintained in strict confidence, to the effect that the primary reason for the refusal of the Post Office Inspectors to permit Brock to be interviewed by Bureau Agents was the fact that Brock had apparently confessed to Post Office Inspectors that two innocent men had been convicted for the mail robbery at Warren, Ohio on April 19, 1935, it appearing that Brock implicated Karpis and Campbell in the Warren, Ohio mail robbery.

It is believed that the refusal on the part of a Governmental agency to permit qualified representatives of another agency to interview an individual involved in the same crime in which much sought fugitives are wanted, reflects a decided lack of appropriate cooperative spirit.

Furnishing by representatives of the Post Office Department of information to newspapers relative to places under surveillance by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

During the course of the investigation leading to the apprehension of the remaining fugitives in the case involving the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted surveillances at the homes of Clayton Hall, Youngstown, Ohio, and Clyde Rochat, Newton Falls, Ohio, in addition to other surveillances in Toledo, Ohio. Surveillances of Hall were maintained jointly with the assistance of Post Office Inspectors.

On one occasion Post Office Inspector Mettrick advised the Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the Post Office Department contemplated issuing circulars on the participants in the Garrettsville train robbery, the result of which would be to practically nullify the usefulness of the surveillances then being maintained by the Bureau Agents.

On another occasion on the same date an Agent proceeded to the washroom adjacent to Room 202 of the Post Office Building, Youngstown, Ohio, and while in the washroom he overheard Post Office Inspector Tavenner telephonically communicate with Post Office Inspector Mettrick, then in Cleveland. It became evident through overhearing this conversation that it was the plan of the Post Office Inspectors to leave Cleveland on the

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morning of April 30th and proceed to Youngstown, Ohio, accompanied by four Cleveland, Ohio police officers, armed with machine guns, several newspaper photographers, and the United States Attorney at Cleveland, as well as his Assistant, the object being to return John Brock to Cleveland, with stops at Warren and Garrettsville, Ohio to re-enact the robbery of the mail truck at Warren and the robbery of the mail train at Garrettsville, for the benefit of the United States Attorney, pictures to be taken by the newspaper photographers. The conversation indicated that the newspaper photographers would be furnished with the address of the home of Clayton Hall, under surveillance by Bureau Agents and Post Office Inspectors, and the location of the farm of Clyde Rochat, Newton Falls, Ohio, under surveillance by Bureau Agents.

Upon the conclusion of the telephonic conversation, Post Office Inspector Albert White came into the office and Inspector Tavenner advised him of the conversation he had had with Inspector Hettrick, and through this means the Agent was able to secure complete details concerning the telephonic conversation.

On the morning of April 30, 1936 Post Office Inspector Hettrick appeared at the post office, Youngstown, Ohio, accompanied by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Niedeman, two newspaper men from Cleveland, Post Office Inspector Cordrey and several police officers. Inspector Hettrick at this time inquired of an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation the reason for continuing the surveillance in that vicinity, stating "it is funny of you people to continue these plants, in view of the publicity that has been given to them."

In connection with this matter, a Post Office Inspector confidentially informed an Agent of this Bureau that Post Office Inspector Hettrick had instructed that the information concerning these various surveillances being maintained at Youngstown be given to the newspapers at Youngstown and vicinity, in order to render said surveillances worthless, inasmuch as the Post Office Department did not have sufficient men to maintain these plants. From the same confidential

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source the view was expressed that some of the Post Office Inspectors were jealous of the Bureau and resented the action taken by the Bureau in issuing reward circulars for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell in which a greater reward was offered than that offered by the Post Office Department.

With further reference to this phase of this general matter, I am submitting to you herewith photostatic copies of the following newspaper clippings, indicating that newspapers had obtained information with reference to the Bureau's activities in the vicinity of Toledo and Youngstown, Ohio, in its efforts to apprehend Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell:

Clipping from the Cleveland News, Cleveland, Ohio,
dated April 26, 1936.
Clipping from the Youngstown Telegram, Youngstown, Ohio,
dated April 28, 1936.
Clipping from the Youngstown Vindicator, Youngstown, Ohio,
dated April 27, 1936.
Clipping from the Warren Tribune Chronicle, Warren, Ohio,
dated April 27, 1936.
Clipping from the Warren Tribune Chronicle, Warren, Ohio,
dated April 28, 1936.
Clipping from the Youngstown Vindicator, Youngstown, Ohio,
dated April 28, 1936.

From the foregoing it would appear that any person whose apprehension was being sought by this Bureau in connection with the maintenance of these plants would be sufficiently warned by the deliberate newspaper publicity to avoid them and thus defeat the purpose of the plants. It is also believed that this is not an indication of a proper cooperative spirit.

Statement to the effect that the assistance of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Youngstown police, exclusively, was to be sought in taking Karpis and Fred Hunter from the custody of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A Post Office Inspector advised an Agent of this Bureau confidentially that in the event Alvin Karpis or Fred Hunter (an associate of Alvin Karpis) was apprehended at the home of Clayton Hall, at Youngstown, it was the intention of the Post Office Inspectors to seek the aid of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Youngstown Police

in taking Karpis and Hunter from the custody of Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in order that these men might be returned to Youngstown to stand trial for the Garrettsville mail robbery.

The expressed intention of a Governmental agency to keep prisoners wanted by another Governmental agency out of the custody of said latter agency reflects an undesirable lack of cooperation.

Confidential information received from Post Office Inspector to effect that others of that Service intended to abandon the surveillances in which they and Bureau Agents were mutually interested, and to apprehend Karpis and Campbell without notifying the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In the month of April, 1936 a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in a confidential conversation with a Post Office Inspector, was advised by said Post Office Inspector that, with the exception of himself and a few others of said Inspection Staff, the members of his Department, particularly those now in charge, were jealous of the accomplishments of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and, notwithstanding the apparent spirit of cooperation, if the opportunity presented itself said Post Office Inspectors would, without notifying the Federal Bureau of Investigation, bring about the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. Said Inspector further confided that a plan was then afoot to abandon the surveillances in which the Post Office Inspectors and the Bureau Agents were mutually interested, and that it was the intention of the Post Office Inspectors to return to the policy of inviting all peace officers, through rewards and payments from a confidential fund, to join with the Post Office Inspectors in an effort to locate Karpis and Campbell and cause their apprehension.

This reflection of a non-cooperative spirit is believed to clearly explain the undesirable actions of the Post Office Inspectors, referred to all through this memorandum. The information was received confidentially, however, and the character thereof must be maintained in confidence.

Allegation that Post Office Inspectors opened mail addressed to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

While a Special Agent was on duty at the Clayton Hall home in Youngstown, Ohio, his personal mail was forwarded to him in care of

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the Post Office Inspectors at Youngstown, Ohio. On April 5, 1936 a letter addressed to this Agent in care of the Post Office Inspectors was received at the post office and brought from the box to the office of Post Office Inspector H. W. Tavenor. When this letter was received by the Agent it was evident that it had been opened and re-sealed. The Post Office Inspectors stated, in connection with this letter, that there was no evidence of it having been opened and re-sealed, and they neither denied nor admitted having opened it.

The opening of personal or official mail addressed to the members of other Governmental agencies is not considered a properly cooperative attitude.

Statement of Post Office Inspectors that they desired to capture Milton Lett before the "Department of Justice or anyone else could get him".

In an interview with one Vivian Mantooth, thought to possess information of value relative to the location of Milton Lett, by Post Office Inspector Cordrey, who was accompanied by Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, Inspector Cordrey told Vivian Mantooth that Lett was wanted for mail robbery and that they wanted to catch Lett before the Department of Justice or anyone else got him.

The reflection of a competitive, rather than a cooperative spirit, on the part of Government agencies, as indicated in the foregoing, is believed to be highly undesirable.

Failure of Post Office Inspectors to advise Bureau of information secured from John Brock to the effect that members of the gang responsible for the Garrettsville mail robbery had lived at 1305 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio. Y

During interviews conducted with Clayton Hall, the Agents of this Bureau were advised by him of the location of the place to which he had driven Alvin Karpis in Toledo on or about January 15, 1936. He was subsequently taken to Toledo for the purpose of pointing out this location. He did point out a building located on Adams Street in Toledo, Ohio. Post Office Inspector Casey accompanied Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Clayton Hall at that time. Previous thereto Post Office Inspectors had learned from John Brock that members of the

gang responsible for the Garrettsville mail robbery had lived in a furnished apartment at 1805 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, during the time they were planning the Garrettsville mail robbery. When Clayton Hall indicated the building on Adams Street in Toledo which he believed had been occupied by Karpis and others, Inspector Casey made no mention of the information previously received by Post Office Inspectors to the effect that the gang had lived at 1805 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio.

The refusal of the Post Office Inspectors to afford Agents of this Bureau information received by them relative to the previous location of the members of this gang obviously reflected a lack of cooperation in the endeavor of the Bureau to locate Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Publicity relative to efforts on the part of Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to apprehend Karpis at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

During the course of the investigation of the Garrettsville mail robbery, the Post Office Inspectors availed themselves of the services of Windt Smith, head of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, and Joe Anderson, also of the Kansas State Highway Patrol. On March 28, 1936 Clayton Hall had furnished information to Postal Inspectors and Bureau Agents as to the location of Karpis in the vicinity of Hot Springs, Arkansas. At that conference Joe Anderson was present. Immediately thereafter Postal Inspectors and Bureau Agents proceeded to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they met Windt Smith. In conducting the above mentioned raid the fact that Karpis was sought was not disclosed. It was noted, however, that press dispatches carried statements of Windt Smith to the effect that he and his men had participated in this raid and that the man sought was Alvin Karpis.

The unfavorable consequences of the publicity resulting from this loquacity with regard to the subsequent search for Alvin Karpis are obvious. The source of the publicity is not definitely known. Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol was working with the Post Office Inspectors and presumably acting under their control and direction. This publicity could have emanated from no other sources than the Post Office Inspectors and/or Joe Anderson.

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Disclosure by Post Office Inspectors of highly important and confidential information relative to the connection of Grace Goldstein of Hot Springs, Arkansas with Alvin Karpis.

Subsequent to the above mentioned raid near Hot Springs, Arkansas, the home of the two brothers of Grace Goldstein, paramour of Alvin Karpis, was located in the vicinity of Paris, Texas. Investigation disclosed that Karpis had left at that point a black Great Dane dog of which he was very fond and a Ford coupe automobile, to be used for purposes of flight by him. These details were confidentially disclosed to Post Office Inspector Cordrey and Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, in order that they might have this information and to avoid the possibility of the Post Office Inspectors making open inquiry at Paris, Texas, which would materially interfere with the Bureau's investigation at that point. Cordrey and Anderson promised to treat this information as strictly confidential.

Notwithstanding this definite understanding and agreement, Cordrey, upon his return to Hot Springs, Arkansas on April 24, 1936, proceeded to advise "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Detectives, of the full details of the situation at Paris, Texas, and thereafter Cordrey and Akers proceeded to a house of prostitution operated by Grace Goldstein, known as the Hatterie Hotel, where a search was made and where Cordrey and Akers vigorously interviewed all of the girl inmates, including the woman who was left in charge during the absence of Grace Goldstein, threatening them with arrest and endeavoring to ascertain the location of Grace Goldstein or information as to when she would return.

This apparently wilful breach of trust on the part of Inspector Cordrey was a marked indication of lack of proper cooperation or elementary investigative ability. It should be noted that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a few days prior thereto, had arranged with Clayton Hall to endeavor to ascertain definitely the location of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell through Hall's friendship with Grace Goldstein. In consequence of the disclosure by Cordrey of this information and the subsequent raiding of the Hatterie Hotel and questioning of the inmates, it was necessary for Clayton Hall to immediately suspend his efforts and return to his home without procuring the desired information. As a further result of this breach of trust, "Dutch" Akers, a few days thereafter, advised Grace Goldstein that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had located her family at Paris, Texas, furnishing her with full details as to the automobile, the dog and other valuable items of investigative interest which had been developed through activities of Special Agents of the Bureau.

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Failure of Post Office Inspectors to
Furnish Special Agents of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation with information
in their possession relative to Sam Coker.

The location of one Sam Coker became material to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its efforts to locate and apprehend Harry Campbell. Investigation had disclosed that for a short period prior and subsequent to the Garrettsville mail robbery, on November 7, 1935, Coker had been confined in the Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio. On the afternoon of May 6, 1936, the day prior to the apprehension of Harry Campbell, two Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation visited the Mercy Hospital with the intention of examining the hospitalization records to obtain information concerning the location of Sam Coker. Upon entering the waiting room of said hospital the Special Agents observed Post Office Inspectors Claggett, Cordrey and Hettrick seated there. Shortly thereafter the Sister Superior invited Post Office Inspector Hettrick into her office where she permitted him to examine certain index cards. The Special Agents of the Bureau, feeling that Inspector Hettrick had obtained the information which they were also seeking, asked him if he desired to furnish to them the information he had received from the Sister Superior, whereupon Inspector Hettrick said "You had better go in and get it yourself". Immediately thereafter he and the other Post Office Inspectors left the hospital. The Agents were necessarily considerably embarrassed at being forced to seek the same information from the Sister Superior which had already been obtained by another agency of the Federal Government. The information secured by the Agents proved to be of great importance.

On the morning of May 7, 1936, the date on which Harry Campbell was captured, a Special Agent was having breakfast in the coffee shop of the Hillcrest Hotel in Toledo and was joined by Post Office Inspector Hettrick. At this time Inspector Hettrick inquired as to whether the meeting in the reception room of the Mercy Hospital, as noted above, was a mere coincidence, and advised the Agent that if it were, it was indeed a fortunate meeting for the Agents because he was confident that when the Agents made their investigation at the said hospital they did not know the name which Sam Coker had used when he was hospitalized at that point. Hettrick indicated that the Agents would not have been able to obtain the desired information had it not been for the fact that the Post Office Inspectors, knowing the name used by Coker at the said hospital, had sought

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similar information concerning Coker immediately preceding the investigation by the Agents, and that necessarily the Agents' investigation would have to be predicated upon the fact that the Sister Superior could recall the name of the individual concerning whom the Post Office Inspectors inquired.

It is believed that when a Federal investigative agency has secured certain information, said information should be placed at the disposal of another Governmental agency requesting it, particularly when it relates to a case upon which both Governmental agencies are presumed to be working cooperatively. The undesirable effect upon executive officials of hospitals of being compelled to give the same information to two Governmental agencies needs no elaboration. The evident lack of desire on the part of Post Office Inspector Hettrick to afford the Agents of the Bureau material information, such as the name in which Coker had been hospitalized, would appear to be highly uncooperative.

Failure of Post Office Inspectors to afford Special Agents of Federal Bureau of Investigation specific information received by them from John Brock relative to Sam Coker, and the fact that Coker's hospital bill was paid by Harry Campbell.

On May 6, 1936 a Special Agent held a conversation with a Post Office Inspector, who confided to said Agent that Harry Campbell was undoubtedly in Toledo, Ohio, stating that information had been furnished to the Post Office Inspectors by John Brock to the effect that prior and subsequent to the Garrettsville mail robbery on November 7, 1935 Sam Coker had been confined in the Mercy Hospital in Toledo. The Post Office Inspector further confided that Brock had advised that since Coker's discharge from the hospital the latter was visiting one of the nurses, of whom he was enamored. The Inspector further confided that Brock had informed the Post Office Inspectors that Coker's hospital bill was paid by Harry Campbell, who lived with his wife in an apartment in the vicinity of the hospital, and that if the Post Office Inspectors investigated the nurse referred to such investigation would probably lead them to Harry Campbell.

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The very great importance of the information furnished the Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the Post Office Inspector referred to in the foregoing may be inferred. The fact that these Post Office Inspectors were given numerous opportunities to furnish such information on previous occasions and failed to do so obviously delayed and seriously endangered the possibility of Campbell's apprehension. It will be recalled that a Post Office Inspector had previously declined to permit a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to interview Brock. Said Post Office Inspector stated he had previously furnished to Agents of this Bureau all the information which Brock had furnished them which might lead to the location of Karpis and Campbell.

FAILURE TO COOPERATE - MISCELLANEOUS

In addition to the foregoing instances, which specifically related to the investigation leading to the apprehension of those responsible for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, the following instances of a lack of cooperation are cited. It is understood that these constitute solely those cases which have been reported to the Bureau at Washington from time to time and that no effort has been made during the years past to collect data which might constitute a comprehensive survey.

Refusal of Postmaster at Goldsboro, North Carolina to afford information concerning a postal savings account in the name of a bankrupt.

In October, 1932, during the investigation of a bankruptcy case, the Postmaster at Goldsboro, North Carolina declined to give any information concerning a postal savings account which it was believed a bankrupt had in his name.

Information of this type is highly important in securing convictions in fraudulent bankruptcy cases and the withholding of such information seriously impairs investigative efforts.

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Request of Post Office Inspectors that Bureau be not informed as to whereabouts of subjects sought in connection with John Factor kidnaping case. Refusal of Post Office Inspectors to give information to Agents of Bureau relative to subjects in this investigation.

During November, 1933, while investigation was being conducted into the kidnaping of John Factor, it developed that some of the subjects in this case were implicated in a mail robbery in Charlotte, North Carolina, which robbery was being investigated by the Post Office Inspectors. Information was confidentially given to representatives of the Bureau that the Post Office Inspectors had requested a certain ranking police official not to advise the Bureau as to the whereabouts of these subjects and not to invite the Bureau to join with the police and the Post Office Inspectors in any effort to cause their apprehension. During December of the same year investigation in this case by the Bureau was conducted at Washington, D. C. and the Post Office Inspectors refused to give any information relative to the subjects in this investigation who were also implicated in the mail truck robbery at Washington, D. C. on December 5, 1933 and instructed all witnesses to this robbery to furnish no information to anyone except Post Office Inspectors.

Information as to the identity of subjects indicated in violations of statutes coming under the investigative jurisdiction of more than one Governmental agency is, of course, of very great value if cooperatively exchanged to any and all Governmental investigative organizations actively engaged in attempting to solve these cases.

Refusal of Postmasters to place mail covers.

On April 24, 1934 the Postmaster at Oak Park, Illinois declined to place a mail cover for a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and referred to General Letter #501, issued April 16, 1934, in connection therewith. This General Letter was issued by the Post Office Department and contained instructions whereby Postmasters were prohibited from furnishing any information unless prior authorization had been secured from the Post Office Inspector in Charge of the district in which the post office was located. These instructions were issued despite the

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fact that Section 701 of the Postal Laws and Regulations authorizes Postmasters to give to law enforcement officials, upon proper identification, aid in the apprehension of fugitives from justice, such as information relative to the addresses, return cards or postmarks on mail matter.

On May 4, 1934 General Letter #501 was rescinded. However, from the geographical location of the various cases in which Postmasters have refused to place mail covers, occurring after the latter date, it would appear that General Letter #504, rescinding General Letter #501, did not have an effectively wide distribution, as in practically every instance where the fact that the previous instructions had been rescinded was brought to the attention of Postmasters they advised that the rescinding instructions had not been communicated to them. A considerable number of instances occurred in which mail covers were declined Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in various parts of the country from April 24, 1934 to January, 1936.

As time is the essential factor in cases of this kind, delay obviously jeopardizes the successful conduct of investigations of this type.

Instructions to Postmistress at
Lake Villa, Illinois to remove from
bulletin board identification orders
issued by the Bureau.

On September 24, 1934 the Postmistress at Lake Villa, Illinois advised that she had been instructed by the Post Office Inspector to remove from the bulletin board at the post office the identification orders issued by the Bureau.

The Bureau endeavors to secure the widest possible distribution of its identification orders calling for the apprehension of wanted criminals.

Refusal to furnish information
relative to lock boxes rented
in post offices.

In July, 1935 the official in charge of the post office lock box section at Chattanooga, Tennessee declined to allow tracings to be made of the signature of an individual who had made application for a lock box in the post office, stating that prior authorization would have to be secured from the local Post Office Inspector.

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On October 11, 1935 the Postmaster at Fairfield, Connecticut declined to furnish the identity of an individual renting a lock box, stating prior authorization must be secured from the Post Office Inspector in Charge at Boston, Massachusetts, who under date of September 23, 1935 advised the New York City Office of the Bureau that the Postmaster had no authority to disclose to officers of the law the names of renters of post office boxes.

On November 21, 1935 and January 15, 1936 the Bureau addressed letters to the Solicitor of the Post Office Department concerning the refusal of Postmasters to disclose to Special Agents of the Bureau the names of holders of lock boxes in post offices. Under date of March 16, 1936, First Assistant Postmaster General E. A. Howes advised the Bureau that he felt sure the Post Office Department had and would continue to cooperate with the Bureau in the investigation of crimes and offenses against the United States; that, however, he did not deem it advisable to modify the regulations prohibiting Postmasters from disclosing the names of the holders of lock boxes in post offices; that to do so would tend to cause confusion and might result in information being given to unauthorized persons by some Postmasters and further would be contrary to the long established policies of the Post Office Department. Mr. Howes did assure this Bureau that in any instances where information of this particular character was essential to the proper conduct of investigation, it might be secured by making a request direct to him, giving the facts concerning the matter.

The office of the Superintendent of Mails at Wichita, Kansas, recently refused to furnish this Bureau the name of a post office box holder where the post office box was shown on the return address on a letter designated to an address over which a mail cover had been placed. The refusal was based on a provision in the post office regulations which state that the names of post office box owners should be given only to Post Office Inspectors.

Information as to the identity of holders of lock boxes is of very great importance in the investigation of many Bureau cases.

Instructions of First Assistant Postmaster General that buzzer be disconnected which had been operated between the post office at St. Paul and the Bureau office in the same building.

On or about November 1, 1935 the First Assistant Postmaster General instructed the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota by letter to remove a buzzer which had been installed in the post office and connected

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with the St. Paul Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Through the use of this buzzer it had been customary to notify the Bureau office in the same building in the event certain suspected individuals or wanted criminals called for mail.

The desirability of taking immediate action to question or apprehend individuals of this type is believed to be obvious.

Failure on the part of Post Office Inspector at Everett, Washington to advise the Bureau promptly of the receipt of extortion letters.

On January 7, 1936 ten extortion letters were mailed at Everett, Washington and were received by the addressees on January 8, 1936. The Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were not notified of the receipt of these letters until January 13, 1936, although the Post Office Inspector had been conducting investigation relative to said letters since their receipt on January 8th. Information as to the letters in question was received by the Bureau from the Chief of Police at Everett, Washington, at which time the Special Agent in Charge of the Portland, Oregon office of the Bureau immediately communicated by telephone with Post Office Inspector in Charge C. L. Caine at Seattle, Washington, regarding the matter. Mr. Caine at that time gave no definite reason for his failure to refer the case to the Bureau and agreed to do so immediately. The letters involved were clearly of such a character as to bring them unquestionably within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau, as determined by agreement between the Post Office Department and the Department of Justice. The ten letters referred to were finally turned over by the Post Office Inspector to the Bureau Agent.

This instance was brought to the attention of the Post Office Department with the thought that certain Post Office Inspectors in Charge might not have been fully informed regarding the agreement entered into by Post Office Department and Department of Justice officials.

Report of confidential informant of antagonism on the part of Post Office Inspectors.

During March of this year reliable information was received from a confidential informant of the Oklahoma City Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the effect that at a conference between Joe

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Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol and several Post Office Inspectors at Tulsa, Oklahoma, the informant overheard certain conversation on the part of said Post Office Inspectors to the effect that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been apprehending too many criminals and receiving too much credit from the newspapers. Reference was also made at this time by the Post Office Inspectors to the possibility that sometime in the near future all investigative and enforcement agencies of the Government would be combined in one unit and in that event the investigative personnel of Governmental organizations other than the Federal Bureau of Investigation would lose their positions. There were four Post Office Inspectors present at this conference. In order to maintain the name of the confidential informant in confidence, the names of the Post Office Inspectors are not recorded here.

The expression of antagonistic opinions on the part of members of a Governmental investigative unit, with regard to the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not, it is believed, reflect a properly cooperative spirit.

It is believed that the foregoing instances of failure to cooperate with Special Agents of the Bureau indicate an undesirable attitude upon the part of certain Post Office Department officials which it is sincerely hoped may be corrected, in order that mutual law enforcement interests of both the Department of Justice and the Post Office Department may not be jeopardized thereby.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 833558.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

LAT:CLW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 29, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent Clary of the Kansas City Office telephoned to advise that Karpis and Fitzgerald arrived safely and were properly incarcerated in the penitentiary at Leavenworth at 7:10 this morning.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JULY 28, 1936

Transmit the following message to:

R. J. DUNLAP
MANAGING EDITOR
ST. PAUL DISPATCH PIONEER PRESS
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

REPLYING YOUR TELEGRAM OF TODAY I REGRET VERY MUCH THAT IT IS NOT
POSSIBLE TO GRANT PERMISSION TO ^{above} PHOTOGRAPH ^{Chas. J.} KARPIS, ³⁰ FITZGERALD,
BARTHOLOMEY AND PELFEE INASMUCH AS SUCH ACTION WOULD BE CONTRARY
TO OUR POLICY AND MANY SIMILAR REQUESTS IN SIMILAR CASES IN VARIOUS
PARTS OF THE COUNTRY HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY DENIED SINCERELY

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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P. O. Box 1976,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
July 25, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: BRAXID

Regarding the letter addressed to the New York office by the St. Paul office under date of July 18, 1936, please be advised that the stop notice with the Oklahoma State Highway Commission, covering 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. 1J322772, in connection with this case, is still in effect, and that a stop card was placed with the Oklahoma State Highway Commission on June 18, 1936 with reference to 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor No. 3,044,337.

With reference to the circularization of banks in Oklahoma in connection with \$1,000 bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve bank, serial numbers F00023101A to F00023300A, you are advised that the banks of Oklahoma were circularized in this respect on June 25, 1936. In accordance with the letter of reference, these banks are again being circularized in connection with these outstanding bills.

Very truly yours,

BRIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau
New York
Cleveland
Cincinnati
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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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District Director,
Immigration and Naturalization Service,
U. S. Department of Labor,
Ellis Island, New York.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

By letter dated July 2, 1936, from this office, you were requested to withdraw the stop notice placed with the Chief Immigration Inspector so that he might notify this office in the event William J. Mitchell or Clarence Heberbrand should present a passport for entry into this country. This request had been made of the Chief Immigration Inspector in a letter directed by you under date of December 19, 1935, at the suggestion of Special Agent J. E. Dickerson of this office.

At the time the letter of July 2, 1936, was received, it was necessary, for reasons, to continue this stop order against Mitchell and Heberbrand. However, since that time, it has been deemed advisable to continue this stop order so that in the event either of these individuals should present a passport for entry into the United States, this office may be notified.

It would be appreciated if you would direct another letter to the Chief Immigration Inspector and have the original stop order against William J. Mitchell and Clarence Heberbrand continued.

For your further information, Clarence Heberbrand's description is as follows:

Age	43 yrs. (1894)
Height	6' 10 1/2"
Hair	Light
Eyes	Blue
Marks	Tattoo on left hand
Occupation	Carpenter

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The description of William J. Mitchell is as follows:

Age	57 yrs. (1934)
Height	5' 7"
Hair	Dark Brown
Occupation	Real Estate and Builder

It is desired that you request the Chief Immigration Inspector to have his inspectors notify this office, telephone, Rector 2-5520, in the event that either Mitchell or Telcorbrand presents a passport for entry into this country.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. WITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: [illegible]

1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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July 29, 1936.

Mr. W. R. Briggs,
Post Office Inspector in Charge,
Federal Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 28, 1936, I wish to advise that FRED HUNTER was sentenced at New Orleans, La., on May 27, 1936, to a term of two years in an institution to be designated by the Attorney General, and on June 4, 1936, was admitted to the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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July 10, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

During a tour which the writer conducted this morning a man, who stated he was from New Orleans, Louisiana, volunteered certain information in regard to the supposed activities of Alvin Karpis previous to his arrest in New Orleans.

This person indicated he was acquainted with a party connected with a night club or gambling resort known as the Roof Garden, which is immediately across the river from New Orleans. He stated this person had informed him that several nights previous to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis, Karpis, who had frequented that place on numerous occasions, had left his gun and watch in the care of the owner as security for \$7.00 which was loaned to him. Karpis, according to this man, is supposed to have returned for the watch and gun the following night.

This is merely being furnished for your information and any value which it may have.

Respectfully,

E. F. Enrich

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J. P. ...

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July 28, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
ET AL;
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

An individual, whose name was not furnished, recently visited the Bureau and informed one of the employees of the Bureau that he was acquainted with a party connected with a night club or gambling resort known as the "Roof Garden", which is immediately across the river from New Orleans. He stated this person had informed him that several nights previous to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis the latter, who had frequented the night club on several occasions, had left his gun and watch with the owner as security for \$7.00 which was loaned to him. Karpis, according to the informant, is alleged to have returned for the watch and gun on the following night.

It is desired that you make efforts to locate the night club or gambling resort known as the "Roof Garden" and ascertain whether there is any substance to the above information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Cincinnati
Cleveland
St. Paul
Mr. Connelley
at Chicago.

E. J. Connelley

50 STILL SOUGHT BY G-MEN AS AIDS OF ALVIN KARPIS

These Are Wanted for Harbor-
ing Kidnap Gang—30
Already Convicted.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—(U. P.)—Although the nation's four most recent notorious kidnapers — Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Mahan and Thomas H. Robinson, Jr. — are behind prison bars, their cases are not yet closed, J. Edgar Hoover said today.

The director of the Justice Department's Bureau of Investigation revealed his G-men are seeking about fifty persons suspected of having harbored or given aid to the four desperadoes.

Hoover declared that, although only about six persons actually were members of the Barker-Karpis gang, more than thirty persons had been convicted and sent to penitentiaries because they aided the gang in its outlaws.

Hoover pointed out that the bureau is confronted with the problem of enforcing laws against kidnapping, extortion, automobile theft, white slave traffic, and others which take up much of the bureau's time.

"Here are figures to illustrate just how much we have to face," he said. "On June 1, there were 12,824 cases listed in the bureau's files as pending; on June 30, the figure had increased to 13,178.

"During June, 3,986 cases were closed. Yet we're carrying more than 8,000 cases on our books today as 'unassigned,' because we have nobody to work on the cases.

"During the fiscal year, 3,905 convictions were secured. The sentences imposed totaled two deaths, nine life and a total of 11,067 years, two months and seven days in prison.

"The value of recoveries effected and savings to the government in cases handled by the bureau amounted to \$34,708,815.39, whereas the expense of operating it was approximately \$5,000,000.

"In other words, for every dollar which was spent for the operating costs of the bureau approximately seven dollars was secured for the government or citizens in property recovered or savings effected.

"During the fiscal year 1,068 federal fugitives were located. In addition, 8,731 fugitives were located through the efforts of the fingerprint division of the bureau.

On July 1, 1936, there were 8,094,816 sets of fingerprints on file in the bureau, 1,021,047 of which were received during the fiscal year.

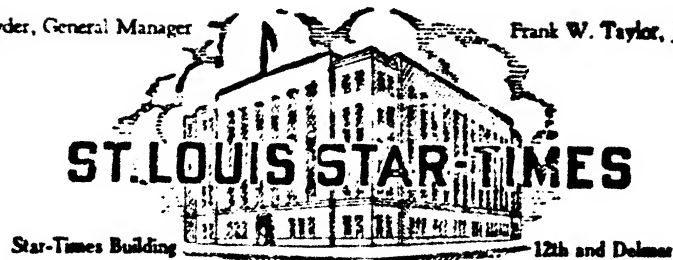
The files contained, July 1, 1936, the fingerprints of 13,290 known kidnapers, bank robbers, gangsters, and racketeers.

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Elzy Roberts, Publisher

C. Joseph Snyder, General Manager

Frank W. Taylor, Jr., Managing Editor



July 29, 1936

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In Mr. Taylor's absence from the city
I am writing to thank you for the material
you sent on July 28, and am enclosing tear sheet
showing article we are running today.

Very truly yours,

Berief Kenschlinier

Secretary to Managing Editor

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August 10, 1936.

Mr. Frank F. Taylor, Junior,
Managing Editor,
St. Louis Star-Times,
Star-Times Building,
12th and Delmar,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the letter dated July 29, 1936, from your secretary, with which was enclosed a copy of the article entitled "50 Still Bought By G-Men As Aids of Alvin Karpis," which was published in the St. Louis Star-Times on July 29, 1936.

I have read this article with a great deal of interest and appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness of your secretary in sending it to me.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Laughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
CC ST. LOUIS
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Lester
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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